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# DAILY PRAYER UNION

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## TO THE READER,

I commence my Address by reminding you of what I trust you already know, and are willing to admit, namely, the unspeakable importance of *daily private prayer*. What is one of the wants of this, and indeed of every age of the world? Is it not more fervent daily prayer? In order that your soul may prosper, it is necessary that you should be a daily suppliant at the throne of grace.

I trust that if you become a Member of this Prayer Union you will not limit your petitions to the short prayers contained in this Book. My desire is, that the daily prayer should be in addition to your ordinary prayers, and a help to your devotions. You will do well to enlarge upon them. May they suggest other prayers, and holy thoughts to your mind!

In composing these prayers, I have largely used the words of Scripture, feeling confident that we honour God when we honour his holy Word, that the words of Scripture are well-pleasing in God's sight, and best calculated to promote spiritual worship and raise the thoughts from earth to heaven.



I sincerely hope that this "Daily Prayer Union" may prove beneficial to young persons. In composing these prayers I have had them especially in my thoughts.

I hope, Reader, you will be induced to make use of the prayers contained in this Book, from a firm persuasion that if you offer them up from your heart, through Christ Jesus, they must be heard and answered. God will assuredly bow down his ear and hear you, according to his never-failing promise, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

A Member writes as follows: "I wish very much to join your Prayer Union, believing it to be a great privilege to unite with so many of God's dear children in asking a Father's blessing and in claiming His promise, 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.'"

If you approve of this "Daily Prayer Union," and consider it likely by God's blessing to be useful, then I request you at once to become a Member, invite others to join, and do your utmost to help it forward by your prayers, example, and means.

I humbly pray that the prayers contained in this Book may assist many in their daily approaches to the throne of grace, and that this Prayer Union may prove one means, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, of edifying the Church of Christ, and building up God's people in their most holy faith. May God look with his special favour upon this effort to promote his glory, the extension of the great Redeemer's kingdom, and the eternal benefit of man! May many souls be thereby edified, strengthened, and comforted.! May God command his richest blessing to rest upon it, and crown it, if it be his good will, with abundant success, for the infinite merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour!

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## THE OBJECT OF THE DAILY PRAYER UNION.

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To offer up a prayer daily upon one particular subject.

Each member expresses his, or her, willingness and intention to make use of the prayer for the day contained in this Book.

The Book of Prayers and Member's Card will be (on the receipt of eighteen stamps, or for cheap edition, nine stamps) forwarded by

REV. HENRY LAW HARKNESS.

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## SUGGESTIONS TO MEMBERS.

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1. Offer up the daily prayer, if possible, before leaving your room in the morning.

2. Pray daily that God would give you the Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, to help your infirmities in prayer.

3. Pray over God's word daily, and turn the words of Scripture into prayer.

4. Read a chapter of God's word daily, or a portion of it.

5. Intercede on behalf of the Members of this Union.

6. The prayers can be used by more than one person by substituting the word we for I.

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# DAILY PRAYER UNION.

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Jan. 1.

ACQUAINTANCE WITH GOD.

**M**OST merciful Father, I approach thy throne of grace through my Mediator, humbly seeking a knowledge of thee. Teach me Thyself. May I remember "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Grant that I may know more of thy infinite power, wisdom, love, and glory. Open my eyes, by the Holy Spirit, to see more of thy nature and attributes. I desire to know thee experimentally, and to taste and see thy goodness and loving-kindness, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Jan. 2.

GOD OMNIPOTENT.

THOU "blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto," I come to thy mercy-seat through Christ Jesus. Grant that I may know more, and think more of thy Almighty power. May I remember, that with thee nothing is impossible, that thou art the Creator of the universe, and hast power to raise me to heaven, or cast me to hell. All I ask is for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Jan. 3.**

GOD OMNIPOTENT.

GOD of all power and might, I pray that I may stand in awe of thy Divine majesty and greatness, and fear to offend thee. Impart to me inward and spiritual strength, to enable me to resist my spiritual ~~foes~~—the world, with all its allurements; the flesh, with all its enticements; and the devil, with all his arts and snares. These, and all other blessings, I humbly ask in the name of my Redeemer. Amen.

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**Jan. 4.**

GOD OMNISCIENT.

THOU searcher of all hearts, may I never forget that all things are naked and opened unto thine all searching gaze; and that all my thoughts, words, and works are perfectly known to thee. Give to me, I humbly beseech thee, more knowledge, and a spiritual discernment of thee, thy works, thy ways, and the way in which I should go. I plead only the Saviour's infinite merits. Amen.

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**Jan. 5.**

GOD OMNIPRESENT.

O ETERNAL and glorious Jehovah, may I remember that thou art everywhere present throughout the universe—present in every house and in every heart. Enable me to realize thy presence at all times, but especially when I bend the knee at the throne of grace. I desire to bear in mind that "thou art about my path, and about my bed; and spiest out all

my ways." Let this thought keep me from the commission of sin. May thy gracious presence follow me wherever I go and whatever I do, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Jan. 6.

GOD ALL-MERCIFUL.

God of all mercy and grace, pass before me, and proclaim thyself to be, "the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear the guilty." May I know from experience thy tender mercies, and delight in their contemplation. Enable me to make a suitable return, so far as I am able, for all thy loving-kindness, for the sake of Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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Jan. 7.

GOD ALL-MERCIFUL.

"Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry unto thee daily." Extend to me thy pardoning mercy, thy assisting mercy, thy preserving mercy, thy providing mercy, thy guiding mercy, and thy sanctifying mercy, all the days of my life. Grant my petitions, not according to the measure of my worthiness, but according to the abundant riches of thy grace, treasured up for me in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Jan. 8.

GOD IS LOVE.

God of all mercy and love, grant that I may know and firmly believe the scriptural assurance that thou



art infinite love. Open my eyes, by the Holy Spirit, to see thy love manifested in thy works of creation, of providence, and of grace ; but especially may I see it most strikingly and gloriously exhibited in the important work of redemption, and in the gift of Christ Jesus my Saviour ; in whose name I offer up my imperfect prayers. Amen.

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Jan. 9.

GOD IS LOVE.

I PRAY, O heavenly Father, that I may see thy love proved, not only in the gift of thy well-beloved Son ; but also in the gift of the Holy Spirit, of thy Holy Word, of thy Holy Day, of all the means of grace afforded me here, and of the glorious hope of eternal life hereafter. Grant that I may "love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplication. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." Hear me for thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

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Jan. 10.

GOD IS LOVE.

MOST gracious Lord, I earnestly desire to reflect upon thy wondrous love by night and by day ; when I rise up and when I lie down. May a firm belief in this truth give a charm to my whole life ; be a source of joy in every grief, and afford me strong consolation when I am laid upon my bed of sickness and death. These mercies I humbly ask in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Jan. 11.****LOVE TO GOD.**

THOU God of love, I confess my little love to thee. Grant that for the future, I may be enabled to love thee with all my heart, soul, strength, and mind. Give me grace to love thee not only for what thou art in thyself—boundless love—but also for all thou hast bestowed upon me. May I show forth my love, not only with my lips, but with my life, and by giving up myself to thy happy service. Receive my petitions for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**Jan. 12.****LOVE TO GOD.**

THOU compassionate Jehovah, I humbly pray that thou wouldst mercifully shed abroad thy love in my heart by the Holy Spirit. "Quicken me by thy loving-kindness." Manifest thy love to me as thou dost not unto the world. May neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, be able to separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Hearken to my feeble supplications for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**Jan. 13.****PRESERVATION.**

I PRAY, O God, that thou wouldst send me all things that are needful for my soul and body. May it please thee to save and defend me in all dangers spiritual and bodily; keep me from all sin and wickedness, and from my ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death. This I trust thou wilt do of thy mercy and goodness, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

**Jan. 14.****PRESERVATION OF SOUL.**

O THOU preserver of men, I beseech thee to ~~preserve~~ me from the world, the flesh, and the devil. Preserve me from all sin in thought, word, and deed. Keep Satan and all the wicked angels far from me. Keep me in the paths of holiness, which are the only paths of real happiness, peace, and joy. Keep me watchful, prayerful, thankful, and submissive to thy holy will. Keep me, for I cannot keep myself. Hear me for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**Jan. 15.****PRESERVATION OF BODY.**

I PLACE myself, O most merciful Father, under thy guardian care and keeping this day. Watch over me for good. Take me in the hollow of thy hand. "Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings." Preserve my body from all accidents and my life from destruction. Be thou, Eternal God, my refuge, and underneath me place thine everlasting arms. "Preserve me, O God, for in thee have I put my trust." Graciously accept my prayers for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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**Jan. 16.****THE SOUL'S APPROACH TO GOD.**

I PLACE myself, O God, in a position to receive thy blessings. I do not approach thy foot-stool with my body only, but with my soul. Pour out upon me, I beseech thee, the spirit of prayer, grace, supplication, thanksgiving and intercession. May I never mock thee by praying with my lips only, while my heart

is far from thee. Assist me to pray to thee as I ought, and in a manner well-pleasing in thy sight, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Jan. 17.

PRAYER.

As a little child comes to his earthly father, so do I come to thee, my heavenly Father. I draw near to thy mercy-seat through my only Mediator, and great Intercessor; do thou in mercy draw near to me. I come to lay before thee all my spiritual and temporal wants, and to tell thee all my cares. Grant that I may be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let my requests be made known unto thee. Hear me for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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Jan. 18.

PRAYER.

THOU, O God, hast invited and encouraged me to come to thy mercy-seat. I therefore come to pour out my heart and all my wants to thee. Give me unbounded confidence in prayer. Grant that I may be far more earnest and persevering in my petitions. I come boldly to the throne of grace, through my great High Priest, that I may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

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Jan. 19.

PRAYER.

GIVE me grace, O God, to approach thee in a right spirit, and be animated by right motives. I would come with simplicity, humility, faith, and love.

Grant that I may enjoy more fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and more communion with the Triune God. Give me faith to believe that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Answer my petitions for the sake of Christ, my Mediator. Amen.

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Jan. 20.

PRAYER.

I LIFT up, O God, my eyes and my soul to thee. I come to a great God, through a great Saviour, confessing my great sins, and pleading for the great Spirit. I desire to lift up "holy hands, without wrath and doubting." From the depths of my heart I would call upon thee. Enable me, by the Holy Spirit's help and teaching, to pray always according to thy mind and will. Daily may I enter into my closet, and when I have shut the door, pray to my Father who is in secret, and who has promised to reward me openly. Hear me for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Jan. 21.

PRAYER—A PRIVILEGE.

LET my prayer, O God, come before thee as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as a morning sacrifice. I desire to view prayer not only as a duty, but a privilege. May I esteem it the highest privilege I possess to have a God of love to whom I can come at all times, by day and by night. Grant that I may be permitted to see more answers to my petitions, and more tokens for good, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

Jan. 22.

PRAYER—A DELIGHT.

GRANT, heavenly Father, that I may take an increasing delight in prayer and praise. May those be my sweetest and happiest hours which are spent in prayer. Let prayer be the chief joy and delight of my life. Let prayer and praise be the element in which my soul may live and breathe and have its being. Hearken to my imperfect breathings, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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Jan. 23.

FAITH IN PRAYER.

THOU Giver of every good and perfect gift, I pray that I may know, and believe that thou art a God-hearer and a God-answerer of prayer. May my experience resemble that of the Psalmist, "It is good for me to draw near unto God." I pray that I may know more of the mighty power and efficacy of prayer; have faith to believe all the precious promises thou has given to those who seek thee, and that prayer moves the hand that moves the universe. Incline thine ear to my supplications, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Jan. 24.

FAITH IN PRAYER.

LORD, increase my faith in prayer. With childlike faith, may I believe that if I call upon thee in the day of trouble, thou wilt deliver me; that if I ask, it shall be given me; if I seek I shall find; and if I knock, the door of mercy will be opened; that all things, whatsoever I shall ask in prayer, believ-

ing, I shall receive; and that if I abide in Christ, and his words abide in me, I shall ask what I will, and it shall be done unto me. Hear and answer me for Christ's sake. Amen.

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Jan. 25.

SEEK THE LORD.

"O God, thou art my God, early may I seek thee"—early in life, and early each day. I would seek thee while thou mayest be found, and call upon thee, while thou art near. Give me wisdom to seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, believing that all things necessary shall be added unto me. Bow down thine ear to me and hear me, for the infinite merits of him who died upon the cross for me. Amen.

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Jan. 26.

FIND THE LORD.

FATHER of mercies, I come to seek thy face, thy favour, and thy heavenly benediction. Give me grace to find thee, not a God absent, but present, not a God hostile but propitious—"a very present help in trouble." I would follow the example of thy servant Jacob, and wrestle with thee in fervent prayer, and not let thee go without a blessing. Do for me, O God, exceeding abundantly above all that I ask, or think, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Jan. 27.

THE LORD'S HOUSE.

LORD of the Sabbath, accompany me I beseech thee, whenever I attend thy house of prayer, and

meet me there. May I find thy courts of prayer the gate of heaven to my soul. Fulfil to me the Saviour's gracious promise, "where two or three are met together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." With a humble and believing heart may I listen to the word read and preached. Accept my unworthy petitions, which I offer up in thy Son's great name. Amen.

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Jan. 28.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

ALMIGHTY God, enable me, by the Holy Spirit's help, to "pray and not to faint," to "pray without ceasing," to continue watchful and prayerful. "Evening and morning, and at noon," may I pray and cry aloud, and do thou hear my voice. May I constantly be lifting up my heart to thee in prayer, feeling fully assured that those prayers cannot be in vain, when they proceed from the heart, through Christ; in whose great name I offer up these, and all my supplications. Amen.

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Jan. 29.

WAIT UPON GOD.

HELP me, O God, to wait upon thee at all times, for all things. "As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress," so may my eyes wait upon thee, until thou have mercy upon me. I wait upon thee for the pardon of all my sins. Grant me a full, free, present, and everlasting pardon, for the infinite merits of my Advocate, Christ Jesus, the Righteous. Amen.



**Jan. 30.****WAIT UPON GOD.**

I WAIT upon thee, most merciful Father, for the salvation of my ever-living, never-dying soul. I wait upon thee for guidance, teaching, and protection, for patience and resignation to thy holy will; also for the fulfilment of thy word and promises. I would wait upon thee with my whole heart. "Hear me in heaven thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, forgive," for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Jan. 31.****THE RESULT OF WAITING.**

THOU God-hearer, and God-answerer of prayer, give me faith to believe that if I continue to wait upon thee, thou wilt incline thine ear to me and hear me; I shall receive thy blessing, thy smile, and thy favour; thou wilt graciously renew my strength, I shall mount up as upon eagles' wings, I shall run and not be weary, I shall walk and not faint. Bestow upon me these favors and benefits for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Feb. 1.****THE SCRIPTURES.**

I PRAY, heavenly Father, that thy law which is perfect, may convert my soul; thy testimony which is sure, make me wise, who am simple; thy statutes which are right, rejoice my heart; thy commandments which are pure, enlighten my eyes. May I, thy unworthy servant, be warned thereby, and find that in keeping of them there is great reward. Hear me, O God, for the alone merits of my Redeemer. Amen.

**Feb. 2.****THE SCRIPTURES.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, grant that I may hide thy word in my heart, that I may not sin against thee. Give me the wisdom to "hear, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the scriptures." May my soul grow in every christian grace by the prayerful study of thy holy word. I ask that I may feel an increasing delight in the study of thy word, for the sake of my Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

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**Feb. 3.****THE SCRIPTURES.**

THOU God of truth, give me grace to know and do thy will. Grant me wisdom to search the scriptures daily, diligently, and prayerfully, for they testify of Christ. May I follow the bright example set by the Bereans, who searched the scriptures daily. I desire to prove all things by thy word; and pray over it with faith and joy. Grant my petitions for the sake of my only Saviour. Amen.

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**Feb. 4.****THE SCRIPTURES.**

ENABLE me, O God, to keep thy testimonies with my whole heart. Give me faith to believe that "holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost;" and that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Listen to the supplications of thy unworthy servant, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Feb. 5.****THE SCRIPTURES.**

LET thy word, O Lord, be a lamp under my feet, and a light unto my path. May the entrance of thy word give me light. Grant that I may love thy word, honour it, prize it above gold, and find its promises sweeter than honey to my soul. I desire that I may receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save my soul. I plead my Saviour's precious blood, and perfect righteousness. Amen.

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**Feb. 6.****THE SCRIPTURES.**

I EARNESTLY desire, most merciful Father, to take the Scriptures as the rule of my life; and when my soul cleaveth to the dust, quicken thou me by thy word. Give me, by the Holy Spirit's teaching, very clear perceptions of divine truths. May I know the holy scriptures, which are able to make me wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**Feb. 7.****KNOWLEDGE.**

I CRY, O God, after knowledge, and lift up my voice for understanding; I seek her as silver, and search for her as for hid treasures; may I "understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God." I pray that knowledge may be pleasant to my soul. May I gain instruction from all the circumstances of life, from converse with my fellow-creatures, and above all from thy holy word. Hearken, I beseech thee, to Christ's never-failing intercession. Amen.

**Feb. 8.****THE LORD'S DAY.**

I COME before thee, my God, confessing how many sabbaths I have disregarded and dishonoured ; and I pray thee to pardon my sabbath sins. May I deeply feel that I cannot too highly prize, honour, and love that day which thou hast set apart for the highest and holiest of all purposes, namely, the promotion of thy glory, the extension of the great Redeemer's kingdom, and the eternal benefit of man. Help me to rest from all works upon thy day, except works of necessity and charity, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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**Feb. 9.****THE LORD'S DAY.**

I THANK thee, thou Giver of every good gift, for the institution of the sabbath, and that thou hast blessed and sanctified it. I praise thee, that in thy infinite mercy and boundless love, thou hast appointed one day in seven for thy special worship and service, that so by a frequent observance of the Christian sabbath upon earth, I, and all thy people, may be better fitted to celebrate thy eternal sabbath of everlasting rest and peace in the world to come. Accept my imperfect sacrifice of prayer and praise, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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**Feb. 10.****THE LORD'S DAY.**

THOU Lord of the sabbath, grant that thy day may be one of prayer and praise, and the study of thy holy word. May I remember to keep it holy. I

desire, with thy servant St. John, to be "in the spirit upon the Lord's day." I pray that it may be a holy, happy, and heavenly day—one on which I may receive much benefit to my own soul, and impart much benefit to the souls of others. All I ask is for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## Feb. 11.

### THE LORD'S DAY.

GRANT, O God, that I may not view the sabbath as a heavy yoke, but as a rich blessing; not as a heavy burden, but a merciful institution; and not as a wearisome requirement, but a great public benefit. May I view it as an ordinance carrying with it its own reward, good for nations, for individuals, and for the souls, minds, and bodies of men. Hearken to my imperfect prayers for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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## Feb. 12.

### THE LORD'S DAY.

I PRAY, heavenly Father, that I may not look at the sabbath as a gloomy and unhappy day, but as the brightest and happiest of all the seven. I would welcome the sabbath with holy joy, and exclaim with the Psalmist, "this is the day which the Lord hath made, we will be glad and rejoice in it." Ever may I "call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord honorable," and honour him, not doing my own ways, nor finding my own pleasure, nor speaking my own words. Hear me, O God, for thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

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Feb. 13.

## THE LORD'S DAY.

Most gracious Lord, I pray that thy holy day may be better observed in England. Continue to our country the unspeakable blessings of the sabbath till the end of time. May thy earthly sabbath fit us for the blessed work of praise, and lead us to look forward to the eternal sabbath above; when we shall be constantly engaged in singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." I plead now, and always, the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Feb. 14.

## HELP FROM GOD.

Look down, O God, from heaven, the habitation of thy holiness, upon me, a poor needy creature. Help me, I beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, to pray to thee and to praise thee aright, to feed upon thy Word and promises, to delight myself in thee and thy happy service, and to trust thee all the days of my life, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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Feb. 15.

## HELP FROM GOD.

ALMIGHTY God, help me by the power of the Holy Spirit in the daily performance of my duties, to please thee, to deny self, to resist sin and the attacks of Satan, and to walk along the narrow road that leadeth to eternal life. Have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, for Christ's sake. Amen.

**Feb. 16.****HELP FROM GOD.**

OMNIPOTENT Jehovah, help me to follow the bright example of my Saviour, and to go about this sinful world doing good. Enable me to take his easy yoke and light burden ; patiently to endure all the ills of this mortal life ; to acquiesce in thy will ; keep thy commandments ; and at length finish my course with joy ; for the infinite merits of Christ Jesus, my Saviour. Amen.

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**Feb. 17.****DECISION.**

MAKE me, O God, more decided for thee, against the world, in my opinions and practices, to take a right course, and to be separate from sinners and from sin. May I resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to serve thee faithfully and heartily all the days of my life, and no longer halt between two opinions. I address thee, O heavenly Father, in Christ's great name. Amen.

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**Feb. 18.****GRACE.**

GOD of all grace, I pray for grace in time of prosperity and adversity, in time of manhood and old age, in time of health and sickness. I seek a living grace for a living hour, a working grace for a working hour, a praying grace for a praying hour, a suffering grace for a suffering hour, a striving grace for a striving hour, and a dying grace for a dying hour. Hear, and answer me, for the sake of him whom thou hearest always, even Jesus. Amen.

**Feb. 19.****GRACE TO PLEASE GOD.**

MOST gracious God, enable me to please thee in all my thoughts, words, and works. I pray that I may please thee by keeping thy commandments, by living to thy glory, by my daily self-denial, by my patience under trials, and submission to thy holy will. May I ever bring joy to thy loving heart, O Father; to thy loving heart, O Saviour; and to thy loving heart, O Holy Spirit. Grant my earnest desires, thou triune Jehovah. Amen.

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**Feb. 20.****MEDITATION.**

FATHER of mercies, grant that I may not meditate upon sin, and upon forbidden objects, but upon heaven and heavenly things. May I not think of the sweetness of sin, but rather of its bitterness, and of its bitter consequences. If my eyes are kept waking at night, let my meditations on thee, and on thy blessed promises, be sweet and useful to me. I would "remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches." Hear me for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Feb. 21.****CONSIDERATION.**

GRANT, heavenly Father, that I may daily consider thee and thy boundless love; the Apostle and High Priest of my profession, Christ Jesus; the Holy Spirit and his Almighty power; heaven and its unspeakable joys. May I consider my thoughts, words, and works, and be wise. I am desirous of considering where I am going, what I am doing, and the end



and brevity of my life. With faith I place my prayers in the hands of my great Intercessor. Amen.

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Feb. 22.

EXAMINATION.

O LORD my God, give me grace, daily to examine my heart and life, and to search my ways. May I examine my thoughts, words, and works, by the light of thy holy word. I am desirous of examining whether my soul is safe in the arms of Jesus, whether my sins are all pardoned, whether I am born again of the Holy Ghost, and whether I am travelling on the narrow road that leadeth to eternal life. I plead only the merits of my Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

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Feb. 23.

DESIRES.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give me, I beseech thee, spiritual desires. Let me not be earthly and worldly, but spiritual and heavenly. Grant me a spiritual appetite for thy holy word, and a taste for divine things. Suffer me not to hunger and thirst after worldly objects and sinful pleasures, but after righteousness and holiness. May my soul follow hard after thee and a likeness to Christ Jesus my Saviour, for his name's sake. Amen.

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Feb. 24.

VAINGLORY.

MERCIFUL Lord, grant that I may not be desirous of vainglory; nor seek to be a man-pleaser. What I want and pray for is a meek and lowly heart,

one caring not for the applause of man, but desiring above all things a good conscience and thy favour. Ever may I walk humbly with thee, and receive my Saviour into a meek, submissive, contrite heart, for his name's sake. Amen.

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Feb. 25.

THE HEART.

O THOU to whom all hearts be open, I confess that my heart is full of iniquity; and I know that out of it proceed evil thoughts, impure imaginations, and all sin. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Take away the stony heart out of my flesh, and give me a heart of flesh. Cast out every idol that exalts itself against thee. Purify my soul, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Feb. 26.

THE HEART.

GRANT, heavenly Father, that my heart may not resemble the wayside, stony, or thorny ground, but the good ground. May the good seed which is sown in my heart, take deep root downward, and bring forth much fruit upward to thy honour and glory. Enable me to give thee my whole and undivided heart. Answer me according to the fulness of thy mercy in Christ. Amen.

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Feb. 27.

THE HEART.

CHANGE, O God, by the Holy Spirit, my heart, mind, will, and life. Fill my heart with holiness, then my thoughts, words, and actions will be holy.

Fill my heart with love to thee; then out of the abundance of my heart my mouth will show forth thy praise. Fill my heart with love to man, then shall I show it by my loving words and works. I pray, through Christ, my all-sufficient helper and Redeemer. Amen.

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**Feb. 28.**

**THE HEART.**

GRANT, most merciful Jehovah, that I may not give up myself to sin, Satan, and the world, but to thee. Help me to consecrate myself to thee day by day. Take thou my heart, reason, faculties, energies, life, time, means, and all that I possess. Make me and keep me thine for ever. Hear me, O God, for my Saviour's sake; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now, henceforth, and for evermore. Amen.

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**March 1.**

**REPENTANCE.**

ENABLE me, O God, by the Holy Spirit's help, truly to repent of all my sins. May I know and believe in the necessity of repentance in order that my soul may be saved. Hast thou not declared by the lips of thy well-beloved Son, "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish?" I pray that thy goodness, and forbearance, and long-suffering may lead me to repentance, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**March 2.**

**CONFESSION.**

God of all mercy, I come to thy footstool, with thy servant Jacob, confessing that "I am not worthy of

the least of all thy mercies." I come with thy servant David, saying, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin, for I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me." Hear me, for the infinite merits of Christ. Amen.

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### March 3.

#### CONFESSION.

I COME with the Prophet Daniel, saying, "O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments. We have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments; neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day." Hearken to my confessions, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### March 4.

#### CONFESSION.

O LORD, my God, I come to thy footstool, crying with thy servant Isaiah, "my leanness, my leanness, woe unto me." I confess my sinfulness, unworthiness, and worldliness; my little love to God and man, my little self-denial and zeal in thy service, and my feeble prayers and praises. I confess my wandering thoughts in prayer, and that I have too often mocked

thee by praying with my lips only, while my heart was far from thee. Make mine a sincere repentance, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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### March 5.

#### CONFESSION.

WITH the Prodigal son, I arise and go to my father, saying unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." I come with the Publican, smiting upon my breast and saying, "God be merciful to me a sinner." With St. Paul, I confess that I am "the chief of sinners," and "less than the least of all saints." Deeply may I feel this, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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### March 6.

#### CONFESSION.

HOLY Father, I confess that I am a fallen creature, living in a fallen world. I confess my sins in thought, word, and deed, my disobedience to thy commands, my evil temper and corrupt passions, my indolence, discontent, and unbelief, also my ignorance of my heavenly Father, of my Divine Saviour, of my eternal Spirit, of heaven, and of my own deceitful heart. Hearken to the confessions of thy unworthy servant, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### March 7.

#### CONFESSION.

MOST merciful Father, I confess my want of faith, hope, charity, wisdom, and zeal in thy service. I confess that thy word, and my own conscience, con-

demn me; that other lords have had dominion over me, even the world, the flesh, the devil. I confess how far removed I am from perfect holiness, and consequently perfect happiness. Let thy ear be attentive to my cry, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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## March 8.

### CONFESSION.

I AM desirous, O God, of keeping nothing back from thee, but making a full, free, frank acknowledgment of all my iniquities, short-comings, and backslidings. I confess my coldness and indifference about the souls of my fellow-creatures, my want of love to the heathen world, and the Jewish nation. I mourn for my sins, and according to thy sure promise, may I be comforted, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## March 9.

### CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY God, I confess my sins are more in number than the hairs of my head, the sands upon the sea shore, the stars of heaven, and the drops of the ocean. I confess I have sinned against light and knowledge, against the convictions of my own mind and better judgment. I once thought that I was rich, and increased with goods, and had need of nothing; but may I now know and feel, that I am in a spiritual sense wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked, and there is nothing but ruin and disorder in my soul. Vouchsafe a gracious answer for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

**March 10.****CONFESSION.**

O most merciful Father, I come in the dust before thee on account of my oft-repeated sins—my sins of omission and commission. I confess I do not live up to the light I possess and the opportunities I enjoy, my want of prayer and praise, and the study of thy holy word, my secondary and worldly motives for my words and actions, and how little I do to promote thy glory and man's eternal good. Incline thine ear to me, and hear me, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**March 11.****CONFESSION.**

I CONFESS, my God, that I have gone astray like a lost sheep, and turned again and again to my own sinful ways. I acknowledge with shame and sorrow of heart, how little I resemble Christ, my perfect example, how little I possess of his holy mind and heavenly disposition, of his self-denying spirit, and how far I am removed from perfect holiness, and consequently perfect happiness. Bow down thine ear to me and hear me, for the infinite merits of my Redeemer. Amen.

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**March 12.****INWARD CORRUPTION.**

ETERNAL God, I confess with the Apostle Paul, "that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." There is nothing in my old and carnal nature that is well-pleasing in thy sight. I often wish to do what is right, but how to perform it I find not. My spirit is willing, but my flesh is weak. "The good that I would I do not: but the evil which

I would not, that I do." I know from sad experience that I have no power to contend successfully against my three-fold enemies, the world, the flesh, and the devil. Hearken, O God, to my confession, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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### March 13.

#### INWARD CORRUPTION.

HEAVENLY Father, I confess that my best actions are imperfect and defiled with sin; that sin cleaveth to my most holy things; that my prayers need pardon, and my tears need washing in the fountain of Christ's blood. I tell thee my weakness and insufficiency; and I humble myself before thee, through Christ Jesus, my only and all-sufficient Saviour. Amen.

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### March 14.

#### INWARD CORRUPTION.

Most gracious Lord, I pour into thy ears my soul's complaint. I wish and pray to be devoted to thee and thy happy service. Help me, by the Holy Spirit, to give up my will, heart, and affections to thee, who hast given thine only-begotten Son for me. Make me free from every sinful, rebellious, and revengeful thought. Hear, and answer me, for my great Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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### March 15.

#### INWARD CORRUPTION.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, I confess that I have left undone those things which I ought to have done; and I have done those things which I ought not to have done, and there is no cleanness



within me, but "wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores." I find a law or principle within, that "when I would do good, evil is present with me." I mourn corruptions that still dwell within. Hear me, for his sake, who ever liveth to make intercession for me. Amen.

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## March 16.

### INWARD CORRUPTION.

THOU God of all mercy and grace, I come to tell thee, that I delight in thy law with my renewed nature, but "I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin, which is in my members;" this causes me to exclaim, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" I thank thee, O God, that I am already partially delivered from sin and Satan; and that at the hour of death, I shall be made entirely free from all sin, in, and through, and for Christ's sake. Amen.

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## March 17.

### PARDON.

FATHER of mercies, I pray that I may receive the blessedness of the man "whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered," and "unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity." "As far as the east is from the west," so far remove my transgressions from me. Though my sins be as scarlet, may they be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, may they be as wool. Grant this in thy tender mercy, for Christ's sake. Amen.

**March 18.**

PARDON.

GRANT, most merciful Jehovah, that my sins may never rise up to be my confusion here, nor my condemnation hereafter. I beseech thee to remember them no more against me. May they all be "cast into the depths of the sea," "cast behind thy back for ever," and "blotted out of thy book of remembrance." I thank thee that Christ's blood has power to cleanse me from all sin. May I know more from experience the power and efficacy of that blood, which is now and ever my only plea. Amen.

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**March 19.**

PARDON.

I COME, my God, with faith, to plunge in that inexhaustible fountain which, thanks be to thee, is ever open for sin and all uncleanness. In that precious blood, may all my sins be washed away. Pardon all the sins of my past life, my sinful thoughts, impure desires, idle words, and wicked actions. Cleanse thou me from secret faults, and from sins only known to thyself, for the sake of Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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**March 20.**

PARDON.

O LORD, "rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure." "Let thy mercies come also unto me." I plead thy superabounding mercy and never-failing grace. Deal not with me according to my countless sins, but according to thy rich and abundant mercy, treasured up for me in Christ Jesus, my Saviour. Amen.

**March 21.****BACKSLIDING.**

GOD of all mercy and loving-kindness, I confess my constant backsliding. I now return to thee, and I beseech thee graciously to return to me. I pray that, for the future, I may never look back, nor turn back. Keep me, by the power of the Spirit, from turning aside like a deceitful bow. Grant my petitions, not according to my worthiness, but the infinite worthiness of him who alone is worthy, Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**March 22.****BACKSLIDING.**

GOD of all power and might, I pray that I may never be a backslider in heart, lest I become filled with my own ways; neither may I be a backslider in life, lest I displease thee. Suffer me not to go back to the world, the ways of sin, and forgetfulness of my Creator, Preserver, and constant Benefactor; but go on to know thee fully, go forward in the right way, and progress in the paths of holiness and happiness, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**March 23.****BACKSLIDING.**

O THOU high and holy One, who inhabitest eternity, help me, by the Spirit's Almighty aid, to search and try my ways, and turn again to thee. Let thine anger be turned away from me. Heal my backsliding, and love me freely. Having put my hand to the plough, may I never look back, lest I prove myself unfit for the kingdom of God. Graciously bestow upon me an answer of peace, for the sake of Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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**March 24.****SIN.**

KEEP me, most merciful Father, from the commission of all sin, in thought, word, and deed. I pray that I may not regard iniquity in my heart, for if I do thou wilt not hear me. Grant that I may hate sin, and learn to live above it. May I have grace to "abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good," and "abstain from all appearance of evil." Hearken to my feeble supplications for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**March 25.****SIN.**

GIVE me, O heavenly Father, grace to go and sin no more. I resolve, in thy strength, to give up all sin, and my most easily besetting sins. Help me to cast off the works of darkness, and to put on the armour of light. Take away my natural love of sinning, and give me a love of holiness. Make me free from sin, may I become a servant to God, have my fruit unto holiness, and my end everlasting life, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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**March 26.****SIN.**

I PRAY, O God, that sin, which to my carnal nature is sweet, may become bitter. Open my eyes, by the Holy Spirit, to see sin in all its hideous deformity, as deceitful, unprofitable, and deadly. Help me to fight manfully against my many spiritual enemies. Grant that sin may not get the mastery and the dominion over me. "Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive," for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

**March 27.**

SIN.

THOU Omnipotent Jehovah, enable me, I beseech thee, to obtain a complete mastery over my lusts and passions. I pray that sin may no longer reign in my mortal body ; neither may I yield myself a miserable slave to my sins. Gird me with might to the spiritual conflict in which I am engaged ; and may I, by thy strength, be victorious over my spiritual foes. Hear, answer, and bless me, for the infinite merits of my adorable Redeemer. Amen.

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**March 28.**

SIN.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, I pray for grace to flee from the power, the practice, and the love of sin. Enable me to give up my sins, however dear, and however difficult. May I "cease to do evil, and learn to do well." "O Lord, hear ; O Lord, forgive ; O Lord, hearken and do ; defer not," for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**March 29.**

SIN.

God of all power and might, enable me, by the Holy Spirit's help, to forsake my wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts, and return unto thee, and thou hast promised to have mercy upon me and abundantly pardon me. Let the time past suffice to have served my own will, pleasures and passions. I pray that I may not think with pleasure upon sin, nor allow my thoughts to dwell upon unlawful objects, but may they be occupied with high, holy, and heavenly things, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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March 30.

## SIN.

God of all holiness and purity, I humbly pray for a holy zeal and indignation against all sin, a fear of falling into it, and an earnest desire to be delivered from it. Enable me daily, by the Holy Spirit's assistance, to "abhor that which is evil, and cleave to that which is good." Do for me, O God, exceeding abundantly above all that I ask or think, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## March 31.

## SIN.

Most gracious and merciful Father, I entreat thee to hide thy face not from me, but from my sins and shortcomings. Keep me from the commission of all sin. Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil, and the evil one. I know and feel that I am weak to contend with my spiritual foes. I come to thee, the Omnipotent One, for inward power; and I beseech thee withhold it not from thy unworthy servant, for the sake of thy dear Son. Amen.

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## April 1.

## SELF-DENIAL.

**G**RACIOUS Father, give me grace to cut off a sin, although it be as dear to me as a right hand; and pluck out a sin, although it be as dear to me as a right eye. Enable me to keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, that I may have the mastery over my lusts, and overcome my sins, which have so often overcome me. May I take up my cross daily, and follow Christ, in sorrow and in joy, for his dear name's sake. Amen.

**April 2.****SELF-DENIAL.**

GOD of all mercy, I pray that I may reckon myself to be dead unto sin, but alive unto thee, through Jesus Christ. I earnestly pray that sin may not reign in my mortal body, that I should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither may I yield my members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but yield myself unto God, as one who is alive from the dead, and my members as instruments of righteousness unto God. I crave acceptance to my prayers for the merits of my Redeemer. Amen.

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**April 3.****SELF-DENIAL.**

ALMIGHTY God, grant that I may be able, with the Holy Spirit's assistance, to mortify the deeds of the body; then shall I live. Teach me to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Give me grace to "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." Make me dead to the world, and may my life be hid with Christ, in God. Help me to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**April 4.****SELF-DENIAL.**

I BESEECH thee, O Lord, to grant that my carnal nature may be crucified with Christ. Make me willing to forsake all, and follow Christ. Help me against the power of my prevailing iniquities. Preserve me from those sinful pleasures, that would rob

me of the pleasures which are at thy right hand for evermore. I trust alone for acceptance to the saying merits of my great High Priest. Amen.

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April 5.

SELF-DENIAL.

MOST gracious Father, grant that I may not lead a sensual life, minding the things of the flesh, as if they were worthy of my esteem. Enable me to follow the bright example set me by my Saviour, who "pleased not himself." May I not be a selfish Christian, and seek my own profit only, but that of others, that their souls may be edified and saved. I present these, and all my prayers, in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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April 6.

SELF-DENIAL.

O LORD, my heavenly Father, I pray that I may not do anything whereby I may offend another, or cause him to stumble, and fall into sin. Let not my sinful appetites, but thy heavenly grace, take possession of my soul. Grant that I may not yield myself a miserable slave to my lusts, but show myself to be a wise and faithful follower of my Saviour; in whose all-prevailing name I offer up my petitions. Amen.

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April 7.

SELF-DENIAL.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast all power at thy disposal, enable me to fight not only against flesh and blood, but against those mighty foes who are too strong for me to deal with. May I go forth conquering and



to conquer, till Satan be for ever bruised beneath my feet. Accept my feeble supplications, for the sake of my Advocate, who is seated at thy right hand in glory. Amen.

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April 8.

SELF-DENIAL.

"HOLY, holy, holy, Lord, God Almighty," help me to renounce every idol, to keep my anger under subjection, to hate deceit, avoid dishonesty, and detest falsehood. Grant that I may withdraw from an ungodly connection, and give up my most easily besetting sins. I look to thee, O God, for assistance, through Christ Jesus, the eternal son of thy love. Amen.

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April 9.

SELF-DENIAL.

GOD of all power and might, enable me to give up all sinful habits, variance, strife, malice, covetousness, and worldliness. I pray for grace to avoid foolish language, and all indolence and slothfulness. May I deny myself in anything that brings discredit upon true religion, that proves a stumbling-block in another's way, in anything displeasing in thy sight, that hinders my public and private prayers, and prevents my benefiting by the reading of thy holy word. Hear me for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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April 10.

SELF-DENIAL.

MOST gracious Lord, if I am engaged in any unlawful calling, grant me grace and courage to give

it up. May I deny my will, affections, appetites, and desires. Help me to mortify my flesh and subdue it to the spirit. Give me wisdom never to give way to momentary gratification for future discomfort. I offer up my imperfect petitions in the name of my Redeemer. Amen.

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April 11.

SELF-DENIAL.

HEAVENLY Father, grant that I may endure, if necessary, present loss for future gain. May I sow and toil now that I may reap a glorious, abundant, and eternal harvest hereafter. Give me faith to believe that I shall be amply rewarded for every act of self-denial; that I shall receive a hundred-fold more in this world, and in the world to come everlasting life; that thou wilt provide for me new comforts, new pleasures, and new friends, in the place of those I give up; and wilt grant me "durable riches and righteousness," for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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April 12.

SELF-DENIAL.

MERCIFUL Jehovah, make me dead to the world, and alive to thee. Grant that I may endure hardness as a good soldier of the cross of Christ. Never may I crucify the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. Let me be crucified to the world, and the world crucified to me. I ask every blessing for the sake of him who died, and rose again; Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

**April 13.****MEDITATION UPON CHRIST.**

HELP me, O God, to meditate daily upon the glory of Christ's person, the riches of his grace, the warmth of his love, the tenderness of his sympathy, the power of his arm, the merit of his blood, the completeness of his conquest, the splendour of his ascension, the prevalence of his intercession, his exalted position in heaven, and his constant care of his people. Through Jesus I offer up this, and all my prayers. Amen.

**April 14.****CHRIST'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM.**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, let my constant prayer to my Saviour be Hosannah (or save now we beseech thee), in order that I may be better fitted to sing Hallelujah (or praise ye the Lord) in the courts of heaven. May I esteem Christ worthy of my highest praises and adoration. If the angelic host are never weary of singing his praises, much less may I be weary, who owe him a far greater debt of gratitude, and for whom he shed his most precious blood. Send me a gracious answer, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**April 15.****CHRIST ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF.**

I DESIRE, O God, frequently to reflect upon this wondrous fact, that the Son of God became acquainted with grief, that he knew it in all its depths, that the waves of sorrow and humiliation began to beat upon his innocent head even from his infancy. May I

learn all the lessons thou intendest to teach me by my Saviour's sufferings; and ever find him a sympathising High Priest in all my sorrows. Hear me for his sake. Amen.

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### April 16.

#### THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

OPEN my eyes, O God, by thy Holy Spirit, to see the evil of sin, and thy abhorrence of it, in the punishment of the fallen angels, in the deluge, in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, in the disease and death in the world, and in the eternal punishment of hell; but may I see it most clearly at the cross of Christ. I plead now and ever the blood and righteousness of my Saviour. Amen.

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### April 17.

#### THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

ALMIGHTY God, I pray that I may see sin in its darkest colours at Calvary and in my Saviour's sufferings. When I see the Son of God becoming the Son of Man; when I see him praying, crying, bleeding, and dying; when I see God himself hiding his face from the Son of his love; the earth trembling under him, the sun veiled, the rocks rent, and darkness around him; may I be led anxiously to enquire, was all this misery the effects of sin? Grant, O God, that I may clearly perceive this truth, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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### April 18.

#### CHRIST'S AGONY.

HEAVENLY Father, I pray that I may, especially at this time, reflect upon Christ's agony and bloody

sweat, his cross and passion. Let the contemplation quicken my love to him, who endured so much for the souls of men. Grant that his love to me may draw forth my love, affection, and gratitude to him; and may I have grace to love him, who first loved me. I ask these mercies in his great name. Amen.

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## April 19.

### CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION.

THOU God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that I may this day behold my Saviour with the eye of penitence, faith, gratitude, and love. "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." May I think much of my Saviour's sufferings, of the atonement he made upon the cross, and of all he has done and suffered for us men, and for our salvation. His infinite merits are my only plea. Amen.

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## April 20.

### CHRIST'S BURIAL.

ALMIGHTY God, who after thine only begotten Son had, by his life on earth and death upon the cross, wrought out our eternal redemption, didst please that he should enter the rest of the grave, I pray thee to grant that by his death my lusts and sins may be crucified and my heart quieted from all guilt. Grant that the old Adam in me may be buried, and the new man raised up in me. When my hour of departure shall come, may I fall asleep in Jesus, and my spirit enter into the paradise of God, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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April 21.

## CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

I THANK thee, heavenly Father, that on this joyful day, Christ rose again triumphant from the grave, having overcome death, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. May my soul not remain dead in trespasses and sins. Quicken me, by thy Holy Spirit, to a new and spiritual existence. Raise me from the death of sin, unto a life of righteousness. I pray that I may rise with Christ above this world of sin and sorrow ; seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God ; and set my affections on things above, not on things on the earth, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## April 22.

## THE SAVIOUR'S WORK.

O God, open thou mine eyes, by thy Holy Spirit, fully to comprehend the wonders of Christ's person,—very God and very Man,—the wonders of his love, grace, and power ; the wonders which he has achieved by his death, his burial, his glorious resurrection and ascension ; the wonders he is achieving by his unfailing intercession, and by the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit ; and the wonders yet to come, when he shall appear again a second time in power and great glory. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of my Redeemer. Amen.

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## April 23.

## A KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.

I CONFESS, O God, my little knowledge of my Saviour, his Person and work. I pray that I may know more of my Saviour, think more of him,

Speak more of him, and live more like him. May I know more of his nature, attributes, and character. I desire to know him to be "chief among ten thousand and altogether lovely." Grant this, for his great name's sake. Amen.

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April 24.

A KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST.

I PRAY, heavenly Father, that I may know Christ experimentally, love him, be found in him, be conformed to his image, magnify him, whether by life or by death, rejoice in his second coming, and look forward with unspeakable joy to the time when I shall be with him, and enjoy his presence for ever. All I ask is for his sake. Amen.

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April 25.

A LOVE TO CHRIST.

I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that he would grant me, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in my heart by faith; that I, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that I may be filled with all the fulness of God. Amen.

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April 26.

A LOVE TO CHRIST.

GIVE me, O God, a deep-seated affection for my Saviour. May I love him for what he is in himself,

—infinite and boundless love—and for all he has done and suffered for the eternal happiness of man. I pray that, as I advance in years, my love to Christ may become stronger and stronger. Make me an eminently Christ-loving disciple, for his great name's sake. Amen.

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April 27.

SALVATION.

O most merciful Father, enable me to lay hold, with the hand of faith, upon this all-important truth, that salvation is in Christ alone, that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved;" and that Christ is our remedy, our ransom, our sacrifice, our hope, and our all. Help me with the eye of faith to "behold the son of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Amen.

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April 28.

CAST ALL ON CHRIST.

ENABLE me, O God, daily to cast on Christ my emptiness, and take his fulness; to cast on Christ my insufficiency and take his sufficiency; to cast on Christ my poverty and take his riches; to cast on Christ my sinfulness and take his righteousness; and to cast on Christ my curse, and take his blessing. May I take Christ as my "wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption." Let Christ be my strength, riches, joy, and glory. Hear me for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.



April 29.

ABIDE IN CHRIST.

IMPART to me, most merciful Father, spiritual wisdom and strength to abide in Christ, in order that my graces may be nourished, my sins mortified, that I may be able to obtain a victory over the world, get the mastery over the flesh, be strong to contend with Satan, and obtain all necessary supplies. Hearken to my imperfect supplications for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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April 30.

A PRAYER TO CHRIST.

CHRIST Jesus, thou second Person of the ever-blessed Trinity, I come to thee in obedience to thy express command; may I find rest and peace to my guilty soul. I seek thee earnestly, O grant that I may find thee. I look to thee with the eye of faith: look in mercy upon me. I pray that I may know thee experimentally and love thee supremely. Amen.

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May 1.

A PRAYER TO CHRIST.

GIVE me, O Christ Jesus, grace that I may fear to offend thee, magnify thee in life and death, and keep thy commandments. Be thou my Prophet, to teach me, my great High Priest, to plead my cause in heaven, and my King to reign supreme in my heart and affections. Amen.

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May 2.

## A PRAYER TO CHRIST.

ENABLE me to take thee, O my Saviour, as "the way, the truth, and the life." Help me to abide in thee, and with thee all the days of my life, and to cleave to thee with full purpose of heart. Be thou my Advocate with the Father. Pray to the Father for me, and offer up my imperfect prayers to the Father. Amen.

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May 3.

## A PRAYER TO CHRIST.

OPEN my eyes, O Christ Jesus, to see more of my emptiness, and of thy overflowing fulness; more of my unworthiness, and of thy worthiness; more of my weakness, and of thy strength; more of thy matchless excellence, thy loveliness, and the happiness of thy service. Never may I be tempted for a moment to wander from thee and from thy fold. Amen.

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May 4.

## THE SAVIOUR'S KNOCK.

WITH the eye of faith may I see thee, O Christ, standing this day at the door of my heart, and knocking for an entrance. Grant that I may hear thy loving voice, open my heart, and gladly give thee admittance. May I dread thy departure from me, and the sins which wound thee. I seek thy company, and a closer acquaintance with thee. Amen.

**May 5.****ASHAMED OF JESUS.**

I PRAY, O Christ Jesus, that I may be ashamed of sin, and the paths of wickedness, but never be ashamed of thee, and of thy gospel. Grant that the fear of man may never cause me, like Peter, to deny thee, and say I know thee not ; and when I come to stand hereafter before thy judgment-seat, may I then find that thou art not ashamed of me, but willing to own me thine before the assembled universe. Amen.

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**May 6.****CHRIST, THE TRUE BREAD.**

O CHRIST, who art the true bread that cometh down from heaven, that God has given for the life and nourishment of the soul, come, I beseech thee, and feed me with thyself, thy love, thy fulness, and thy promises. I pray that my soul may feed upon thee hour by hour, and be abundantly satisfied. I desire to come to thee, that I may never hunger, and believe in thee, that I may never thirst. Amen.

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**May 7.****CHRIST, THE PHYSICIAN OF SOULS.**

O THOU great Physician of souls, I come to thee confessing my spiritual disease, telling thee that I am suffering from a malady that lies deep within, even the leprosy of sin in the soul. I know that thou hast all power at thy disposal, and art willing to heal me. Graciously come to my relief, and make me whole. Thou cast out none when thou wast upon earth, but healed all manner of diseases : I beseech thee to make me clean. Amen.

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**May 8.****CHRIST, OUR MASTER.**

CHRIST Jesus, be thou my Master, and may I be thy willing servant. Grant that I may not serve the world, self, and Satan, but have grace to serve thee faithfully, fully and boldly all the days of my life. May I take an increasing delight in thy happy service. Incline thine ear to me and hear me. Amen.

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**May 9.****CHRIST, OUR SHEPHERD.**

BE thou, O Christ Jesus, my Shepherd, then I shall not want anything that is for my real good to receive. Make me to lie down in the green pastures of thy word and promises; lead me beside the still waters of consolation. Restore my soul, and lead me in the paths of righteousness. Though I must one day walk through the valley of the shadow of death, may I fear no evil; be thou with me to cheer and sustain me; may thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Amen.

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**May 10.****CHRIST, OUR FRIEND.**

I PRAY for grace to take thee, O Christ, to be my Omnipotent Friend, able and willing to impart to me inward strength; my Omniscient Friend, able and willing to give me spiritual wisdom; and my Omnipresent Friend, able and willing to be present with me at all times, and under all circumstances. Enable me to take thee as my all-merciful Friend, able and willing to be gracious to me in life, death, at the judgment-day, and throughout eternity. Amen.

**May 11.****CHRIST, OUR CAPTAIN.**

O CHRIST, thou knowest that I am hourly engaged in a spiritual warfare, that I have to contend with my own sinful heart, and with Satan and the fallen angels. I desire to take thee as the Captain of my salvation, manfully to fight under thy banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue thy faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end. Amen.

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**May 12.****CHRIST, OUR EXAMPLE.**

GIVE, me, O Christ Jesus, thy holy mind and heavenly disposition. Help me to follow closely in thy footsteps. Grant that I may resemble thee in thy love to God and man, thy diligence and zeal in thy Father's service, thy patience under the bitterest trials, thy holiness and self-denial, thy meekness, gentleness, and humility. Amen.

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**May 13.****CHRIST, OUR EXAMPLE.**

MAKE me, O Christ, perfectly conformed to thy image. May I endeavour for the future, with the Holy Spirit's help, to walk with thee so closely, that men may take knowledge of me, as they did of Peter and John, that I have been with Jesus. When thinking, may I consider how my Saviour would have thought; when speaking, how he would have spoken; and when acting, how he would have acted, if placed in my situation. Amen.

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**May 14.****THANKSGIVING TO CHRIST.**

I THANK thee, my Saviour, for having left the realms of bliss, the seat of glory, the bosom of thy Father, and for shedding thy blood for the sins of the world. I thank thee that, though rich with all the riches of heaven, thou didst become poor, that we, through thy poverty might become rich, with all spiritual and eternal riches. Amen.

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**May 15.****ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER.**

CHRIST be with me, Christ before me, Christ after me, Christ in me, Christ under me, Christ over me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left, Christ at this side, Christ at that side, Christ be in the heart of each one I speak to, Christ in the mouth of each person who speaks to me, Christ in each eye which sees me, Christ in each ear which hears me. Amen.

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**May 16.****DEVOTION TO GOD.**

GRANT, heavenly Father, that I may not give up my heart to self and the world, but to thee. May nothing of an earthly nature keep me back from thee. I desire to present my body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to thee. Make me more devoted to thee and thy happy service. I plead only the infinite merits of my Redeemer. Amen.

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**May 17.****DEVOTION TO GOD.**

HEAVENLY Father, I seek from thee grace to dedicate myself, my soul and body, all that I pos-

ness, and all I can do, a sacrifice to thee. I would give thee my heart, time, and talents. Grant that I may keep nothing back from thee, who hast given more than all heaven for my ransom, and esteem nothing too good to give thee, to whom I am so deeply and eternally indebted. Grant my petitions, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### May 18.

GOD, A SUN AND SHIELD.

BE thou, O God, a Sun to enlighten me, a Shield to protect me, give me grace here, and glory hereafter, and withhold no good thing from me. I pray that goodness and mercy may follow me all the days of my life; and may I dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Accept my unworthy petitions, which I offer up in thy Son's great name. Amen.

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### May 19.

GOD, OUR DEFENDER.

DEFEND me, O Lord, with thy heavenly grace, that I may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until I come unto thy everlasting kingdom. Amen.

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### May 20.

WALK WITH GOD.

ALMIGHTY God, I pray for grace to walk with thee as closely as thy servant Enoch. Enable me to walk with thee in a separation from this sinful world, in daily communion with thee, and a constant dependence upon thee. May it be the delight of my life to enjoy fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen,

**May 21.****TRUST IN THE LORD.**

GOD of all mercy and truth, enable me, by the Holy Spirit's assistance, to put my whole trust and confidence in thee, for time and for eternity. May I trust thee with my whole heart, and lean not to my own understanding. I desire to "taste and see that the Lord is good." Though thou slay me, yet may I trust in thee. Turn not a deaf ear to my petitions, for Christ's sake. Amen.

**May 22.****DELIGHT IN THE LORD.**

GRANT, most merciful Father, that I may not delight in sin, and the world's unlawful pleasures, but have grace to delight myself in thee, thy ways, and thy works, in prayer, praise, the study of thy holy word, attendance upon the means of grace, drawing near to thy holy table, keeping holy thy sabbaths, converse with thy people, and in my lawful calling, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**May 23.****COMMIT THY WAY TO THE LORD.**

LEAVE me not, most gracious God, to take my own sinful course, but lead me by thy Spirit, guide me with thine eye, direct me by thy Providence, all the days of my life. Order my steps aright, and according to thy word. Guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory. In all my ways may I acknowledge thee, and thou wilt direct my paths. Take all my affairs into thy hands, for the sake of Christ Jesus, my Saviour. Amen.



**May 24.****REST IN THE LORD.**

GOD of all mercy, grace, and love, enable me to rest in thy will, for whatever thou willest is best; may I rest in thy love, for it is boundless; rest in thy mercy, from which flow endless streams of blessings for my soul's supply; and rest in thy word, which is true and unchangeable. Grant that I may find my truest happiness in resting in thee. Let thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thine unworthy servant, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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**May 25.****REJOICE IN THE LORD.**

ENABLE me, good Lord, to rejoice in thee always. Give me a "joy in the Holy Ghost;" may my joy be full. Grant that I may experience a peace and a joy in believing in Christ Jesus. Withhold not from me, I beseech thee, this fruit of the Spirit. "Hearken to the voice of my cry, my King, and my God," for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**May 26.****A DAY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE.**

I PRAY, O God, that this may be a day of humiliation, on account of all my sins; a day of reflection upon the past, the present, and the future; a day of earnest prayer for thy richest blessings to be poured forth upon myself and others; and a day of praise for all thy countless mercies. I plead not my own merits, but the infinite merits of him who died upon the cross to save our ruined race. Amen.

**May 27.****GOD'S BLESSING.**

THE Lord bless me and keep me; the Lord make his face to shine upon me, and be gracious unto me; the Lord lift up his countenance upon me, and give me peace. "Remember me, O Lord, with the favour thou bearest unto thy people; O visit me with thy salvation." Prosper me in my own soul, and give me a certain hope of my acceptance in Christ, the Beloved. Bless me in my going out and coming in, from this time forth for evermore, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**May 28.****GOD'S BLESSING.**

"Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me for I am poor and needy." Vouchsafe thy loving smile, and heavenly blessing. I seek thy favour and the light of thy countenance. May I find from experience that thy blessing maketh rich, and thou addeth no sorrow with it. Command thy blessing to rest upon me. Bless me in my own soul, and make me a rich and abundant blessing to the souls of others. Bless me, even me also, O my Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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**May 29.****GOD'S BLESSING.**

I PRAY, O God, that I may be blessed by thee while I live, and when I die, and throughout eternity. Grant that I may bask each day in the smile of thy favour, and repose each night under the shelter of thy wings, and go down to the grave leaning upon

the strong arm of Christ, the Beloved, and pass through the gate of death into the new Jerusalem. Bless me for the sake of Christ Jesus, my Saviour. Amen.

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## May 30.

### CHRIST'S ASCENSION.

I APPROACH thee, O my God, this day with especial praises on my lips. I would join all the angelic host in shouting, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in." I laud and magnify thy holy name, that thou hast exalted thine only Son, with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven. May I in "heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end." Amen.

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## May 31.

### CHRIST'S ASCENSION.

HEAVENLY Father, I pray that I may contemplate my Saviour as having ascended up to heaven, leading captivity captive, and receiving gifts for men. May I, with the eye of faith, behold him who ever liveth to make intercession for us, and set at God's "right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Hear me, for his name's sake. Amen.

**June 1.****THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**M**ERCIFUL Father, may I be encouraged to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit by this promise proceeding from the lips of Jesus: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." Amen.

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**June 2.****THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**I** PRAY, O God, for a double portion of the Holy Spirit. Pour out the Holy Spirit upon me in a copious supply. Make my body the temple of his continual abode. May I honour the Spirit. Never may I quench him by my sins and shortcomings, nor grieve the Spirit of God, by whom I am "sealed to the day of redemption." Let him work in me mightily to will and to do of thy good pleasure, for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**June 3.****THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**G**IVE me, O heavenly Father, the Holy Spirit, to teach me the path of duty; what to do and say at all times; to comfort me in all my afflictions; to succour me in all my temptations; to strengthen me in every hour of weakness; to encourage me in all my difficulties; and to help me in all time of need. Hear, answer, and bless me, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

**June 4.****THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE QUICKENER.**

Most gracious Lord, I pray that I may be quickened by the Holy Spirit, and raised from a state of spiritual death to spiritual life. May he awaken my conscience, incline my will towards Thee, give me a new heart, enable me to "put off the old man, and put on the new," and quicken me to run the heavenly race. I ask all, trusting in my Saviour's finished work. Amen.

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**June 5.****THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE CONVINCER.**

Holy Father, grant that the Holy Spirit may convince me of "sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." May he open the eyes of my understanding to see the real extent of my guilt and corruption in the sight of a holy, heart-searching God; and make me cry out with the Publican, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Give me faith to expect a full reply, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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**June 6.****THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE TEACHER.**

God of all mercies, I pray that the Holy Spirit may be given, to teach me all things, and to guide me into all truth. May he impart to me a knowledge of God, the Father, of Christ Jesus, the Saviour, of himself, of myself, of the world, sin, heaven, and hell. Grant that he may enlighten my understanding, and call me out of spiritual darkness into marvellous light. Hear me, good Lord, for thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

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**June 7.****THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE TEACHER.**

GOD of all grace and truth, lead me by the Holy Spirit, to the Scriptures. May he open my eyes that I may see wondrous things out of thy law; and enable me to take an increasing delight in the study of it. Bestow upon me, I beseech thee, an abundant answer, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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**June 8.****THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE REVEALER OF CHRIST.**

GRANT, gracious Lord, that the Holy Spirit may convince me that nothing but Christ's precious blood can atone for my sins and the sins of the world; and that through his mediation alone, God can be just, and the justifier of the ungodly. May he enable me rightly to comprehend the doctrine of justification by faith in Christ Jesus, and teach me what I must do to be saved. Hear me, for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**June 9.****THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE REVEALER OF CHRIST.**

O THOU, who art the Giver of all good gifts, I pray that the Holy Spirit may "take of the things of Christ," and reveal them brightly to my soul. May he show me clearly that I am a ruined sinner; that Christ is the only door by which I can enter heaven, and my only and all-sufficient Saviour. I ask that he may draw me closer to Christ, for his great name's sake. Amen.

**June 10.****THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HELPER IN PRAYER.**

GIVE me, O God, the Holy Spirit to help my infirmities and weaknesses in prayer, for I know not what I should pray for as I ought, but may the Spirit make intercession for me, and in me, with groanings which cannot be uttered. Teach me, by the Holy Spirit, for what and how to pray; and may the matter and manner of my petitions be ever acceptable in thy sight. I present my supplications in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**June 11.****THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE SANCTIFIER.**

I BESEECH thee to grant, heavenly Father, that I may be made holy by the Holy Ghost. Let sin be no more pleasant to me, but my sorrow and my shame. It is the earnest desire of my soul to be entirely free from all sin. May I pray till all sin is rooted out of my sinful heart, and all holiness is deeply implanted within. I trust alone in the merits of my great Intercessor for acceptance. Amen.

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**June 12.****THE SPIRITUAL MIND.**

"HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," I pray that I may not be earthly and carnally-minded, which results in death; but heavenly and spiritually-minded, which produces life and peace. Grant that I may not mind the things of the flesh, but of the spirit. Do thou make it the daily habit of my life to serve thee, through Jesus Christ, my Redeemer. Amen.

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**June 13.****THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.**

GRANT to me, thou Omnipotent Jehovah, the fruit of the Spirit, "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." May I live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, think, speak, and act in the Spirit, and do all things by his assistance. I implore these, and all other mercies for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**June 14.****A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

COME, holy Spirit, I invite thee to my breast. Now descend on me. Be thou my quickener: "in me revive each drooping grace, so prone to fade and die." Be thou my teacher, and to my soul reveal my Saviour's boundless love. Be thou my Comforter in all seasons of distress. Be thou my "guide into all truth divine." Amen.

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**June 15.****A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

COME, Holy Ghost, my soul inspire. Be thou my intercessor, and "teach me how to pray according to God's holy will." Be thou my "earnest of eternal rest, and witness with me I am God's own child." Be thou my sanctifier, "come and dwell within, and cleanse my every thought." "Let me thy holy habitation be, and daily deeper from thy fulness drink." Amen.



**June 16.****THE TRINITY.**

"**HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,**" with deep reverence and abasement of soul, I come into thy presence, through Christ Jesus, by the aid of the Holy Spirit. I ascribe glory to thee, O heavenly Father, glory to thee, O blessed Jesus, and glory to thee, O eternal Spirit. I humbly worship three persons in one God. I seek not curiously to pry into this deep mystery, but heartily to receive it, because thy word reveals it. Blessed and glorious Trinity, hear thy servant's cry. Amen.

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**June 17.****ONE GOD.**

**GIVE** me grace, most merciful Father, ever to bear in mind that there is but one God, the Maker of the universe; but one Lord, the Saviour of the world; but one Holy Spirit, the sanctifier of God's people; but one body, the true Church of Christ; but one saving faith in the cross of Christ; but one scriptural hope of heaven, and but one baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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**June 18.****FAITH IN GOD'S WORD.**

**FATHER** of all mercies, I humbly pray for that faith which is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Give me a faith in thy holy word, thy blessed promises, and thy providential dealings. Help me to believe all that thou hast promised to bestow upon the righteous, and all the awful threatenings thou hast denounced

against the unrighteous. Hearken and do, most blessed God, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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## June 19.

### FAITH IN CHRIST.

MERCIFUL Father, grant that I may live from day to day, and hour to hour, by faith upon the Son of God. I pray for grace to show forth my faith by my actions. May a true faith influence my thoughts, words, and deeds; and produce in me holiness of life and consistency of conduct. Send me not empty away from thy presence, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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## June 20.

### THE TRIUMPHS OF FAITH.

Most gracious Lord, give me a faith that will unite me closely to Christ; that will save my immortal soul; that will help me to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil; that will purify my heart; that will enable me to feed upon Christ as the bread of life; that will remove mountains of difficulties; and will enable me joyfully to view the land of promise. I plead earnestly for acceptance, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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## June 21.

### WALK BY FAITH.

HOLY Father, give me grace always to walk by faith, and not by sight. May faith afford me comfort in all my afflictions. Give me faith to see thy finger in everything, even in the most minute events of life. I seek the faith of the Old Testament worthies—of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph,

and Moses. I plead the all-prevailing intercession of my Saviour. Amen.

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June 22.

HOPE.

THOU God of hope, grant to me, I humbly beseech thee, a bright hope of heaven—a hope full of immortality. May I abound in hope, and ever hold it fast. I pray that I may possess a good and lively hope, a sure and steadfast hope, a hope founded upon Christ Jesus, who is the rock of ages. Amen.

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June 23.

CHARITY.

O THOU who art the fount of love, and source of all peace, whose name and nature is love, I come to thee confessing my deep need of this divine grace. I come bewailing my lack of true charity. I beseech thee to “pour into my heart that most excellent gift, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee.” Hear me, for Christ Jesus’ sake. Amen.

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June 24.

CHARITY.

ALMIGHTY God, give me grace to refrain from judging rashly, hastily, and severely, the words and actions of my fellow-creatures. Help me to judge others charitably, kindly, and considerately, as I would be judged myself. May I dread to be harsh towards others, knowing how much I myself stand in need of mercy. Hearken to the prayers of thy servant, for Christ Jesus’ sake. Amen.

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**June 25.****CHARITY.**

MERCIFUL Lord God, enable me, by the Holy Spirit's help, to love my enemies, to bless those who curse me, to do good to those who hate me, and to pray for those who despitefully use me and persecute me. Thus may I prove myself to be a child of my heavenly Father. May I owe no one anything but love, and love my neighbour as I love myself. Grant this, and all my petitions, for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**June 26.****CHARITY.**

ETERNAL God, make me, I beseech thee, kindly affectionate to others, with brotherly love, in honour preferring others to myself. Enable me to sympathise with my fellow-creatures, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep; to be of the same mind to others; not to mind high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Let my prayers be now, and at all times, acceptable in thy sight, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**June 27.****CHARITY.**

THOU God of mercy and love, I pray that I may not be wise in my own conceits, nor recompense to any man evil for evil. Grant me grace to live peaceably with all men. If my enemy hunger may I feed him; if he thirst give him drink, for in so doing I shall heap coals of fire on his head. Never

may I be overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. I offer up all my petitions in the name of my Redeemer, to whom with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be ascribed everlasting praise. Amen.

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June 28.

CHARITY.

God of infinite love, enable me to display that true Christian charity that suffereth long and is kind, that envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself in an unseemly and unbecoming manner, "seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, and endureth all things." I pray for the love that dwelt in the heart, and was manifest in the life, of my adorable Redeemer. Amen.

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June 29.

CHARITY.

I EARNESTLY pray, my God, that all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil-speaking may be put away from me, with all malice: and make me kind to others, tender-hearted, forgiving others, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven me. Make me watchful neither to give offence to others, nor to take offence myself. Make me pitiful and courteous, not rendering evil for evil, nor railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing. I seek for these graces through my glorified Redeemer. Amen.

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June 30.

## CHARITY.

GRANT, O Lord, I beseech thee, that I may "not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Never may I hurt the feelings of others by my words or actions. Subdue my evil tempers and corrupt passions. May the peace of God rule in my heart, and loving words ever be on my tongue, for the infinite merits of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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## July 1.

## SLOW TO WRATH.

THOU God of love, I pray that my love may be pure and fervent, without dissimulation. Enable me, with the Holy Spirit's help, to be swift to hear all that is good, slow to speak all that is evil, and slow to wrath. Keep me from all irritability; and with a soft answer may I turn away wrath. These, and all other Christian graces, I humbly seek at thy hands, through Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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## July 2.

## FORGIVENESS.

GIVE me grace, most merciful Father, to forgive any one who has offended me, as I look to thee for forgiveness. May I remember the words of the Lord Jesus—"If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Enable me to pass over the transgressions of my fellow-creatures. Let not the sun ever go down upon my wrath, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

**July 3.****FORGIVENESS.**

GRACIOUS Father, help me to follow the bright example of my blessed Lord, who prayed for his greatest enemies, saying, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." I ask for his forgiving temper and disposition, and his meek, lowly, tender, and loving spirit. Never may I be influenced by a revengeful spirit, but leave it to God to punish, who says, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." Hearken to my feeble petitions, for the sake of my Advocate and High Priest. Amen.

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**July 4.****HUMILITY.**

I PRAY, O God, for the heavenly grace of humility. May I not think of myself above that which I am, but ever walk humbly with my God. I pray that I may not be puffed up with pride, which is "abomination in thy sight," but be filled with humility; ever remembering the words of Solomon, "Before honour is humility;" and the words of St. James, "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the lowly." Hear me, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**July 5.****MEEKNESS.**

O God of patience, make me "poor in spirit;" then thou hast promised that mine is the kingdom of heaven. Give me true meekness of heart; then I shall, in the highest sense, inherit the earth. Bestow on me, I intreat thee, "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of the

Lord of great price." Grant the petitions of thy unworthy servant, for the merits and intercession of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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## July 6.

### AFFLICTIONS.

I CONFESS, O eternal God, that my sins justly deserve chastisement. May I expect afflictions here below; and remember that afflictions are the common lot of mortals, that I live in a vale of tears, that "man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward," that "many are the afflictions of the righteous," and through much tribulation I must enter into the kingdom of God. I place my petitions in the hands of my Advocate and Mediator. Amen.

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## July 7.

### AFFLICTIONS.

GRANT, heavenly Father, that I may "not despise the chastening of the Lord, neither be weary of his correction;" but remember, for my comfort, that "whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." May I look upon my afflictions as a mark of sonship, and be thankful for them. I ask all blessings for time and for eternity, in the great name of Jesus. Amen.

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## July 8.

### AFFLICTIONS.

IN time of affliction, may I thus, O God, argue with myself—shall I receive so much good at thy hands, so many mercies, favours, and blessings, and shall I not also receive evil? Shall not losses,



crosses, and disappointments befall me? "Even so Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight." Incline thine ear to me, and hear me, for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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July 9.

AFFLICTIONS.

THOU Omniscient God, grant that I may learn wisdom in the school of adversity. I pray that my afflictions may prove blessings in disguise, my temporal losses prove to be great spiritual gain, and my sickness of body lead me to Christ, who is the great Physician of souls. Enable me to believe that thou "dost not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men." With undoubted faith I place my supplications in the hands of my great High Priest. Amen.

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July 10.

AFFLICTIONS.

GOD of all power and might, give me faith to see love inscribed upon my afflictions; faith to say with Eli, "It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good;" faith to say, with patient Job, "the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord;" and faith to say, "Lord, take what thou wilt, to thee I all resign." Hear, O Lord, my supplications for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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July 11.

AFFLICTIONS.

GRANT, heavenly Father, that I may bear in mind, for my comfort, in times of affliction, that I am being

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made a partaker of my Saviour's sufferings; that affliction is the lot of all thy people; that there is special grace for every trial; that affliction affords me the fullest opportunity of glorifying God; that I am then getting quit of sin; and that it is preparing me for greater usefulness upon earth. Lord increase my faith, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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## July 12.

### AFFLICTIONS.

GIVE me grace, good Lord, to remember that the Holy Spirit is promised as a Comforter; that all things are ordered for me by a hand of infinite love; that "time is short," and that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment (in comparison with eternity) worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." All I ask is for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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## July 13.

### AFFLICTIONS.

GRACIOUS Father, give me faith to believe that if my afflictions are sanctified to me by the Holy Spirit, I shall praise thee more for them in eternity, than for my days of prosperity. May they be preparing for me "a more abundant entrance into the realms of bliss, a weightier crown, a whiter robe, a sweeter rest, a home made doubly precious by a long exile, and many sufferings here below." Do for me, O God, exceeding abundantly, above all I ask or think, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**July 14.****AFFLICTIONS.**

HOLY Father, may I find in all times of affliction, Christ's grace sufficient for me, and his strength made perfect in my weakness. Most gladly may I, with St. Paul, "glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." I pray that I may "take a pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." Hear me, for his name's sake. Amen.

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**July 15.****AFFLICTIONS.**

I PRAY thee, O merciful Father, to bring good out of evil, in my case, a blessing out of the curse, light out of darkness, strength out of weakness, sweet out of bitter, and make all things work together for my present and eternal good, and the good of my fellow-creatures. Bestow upon me, O God, the riches of thy grace, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**July 16.****AFFLICTIONS.**

I COME, O God, to thy footstool, to pour out my heart before thee, and show thee my troubles. In the multitude of the sorrows which I have in my heart, may the comforts of thy word and promises refresh my soul. When I pass through the waters of affliction be thou with me; and through the rivers, may they not overflow me; when I pass through the fire, may I not be burned, neither may the flame kindle upon me. Hear me, for thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

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## July 17.

### AFFLICTIONS.

HEAVENLY Father, although I now sow in tears, may I look forward to the time when I shall reap in joy. May "I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me." Give me faith to believe that "he that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Hearken to my supplications for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## July 18.

### AFFLICTIONS.

GOD of all consolations, enable me to believe that if I suffer with Christ here, I shall reign with him hereafter; that oneness in suffering here, is a pledge of oneness in glory hereafter; that if his shame is mine on earth, his glory will be mine in heaven; therefore may I rejoice if I am a partaker of the sufferings of Christ, that when his glory shall be revealed, I may be glad with exceeding joy. I offer up my prayers through Christ Jesus. Amen.

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## July 19.

### AFFLICTIONS.

HELP me, O my Father, to view my afflictions as the discipline of love, of wisdom, of faithfulness, and of power. I humbly pray that my mind, will, heart, and conscience may be perfectly trained by thee. Give me grace to thank thee for any dispensation of thy providence, whether prosperity or adversity, that brings me nearer to thee. Withhold not from me a thankful heart, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**July 20.****SANCTIFIED AFFLICTIONS.**

MOST gracious Lord, I pray that my afflictions may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit to my present and eternal good. May I be enabled to say with David, "Before I was afflicted, I went astray; but now have I kept thy word;" "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes." Grant that I may learn obedience by my sufferings, and to sympathise with others in their troubles, for the great Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**July 21.****BENEFIT OF AFFLICTIONS.**

GRANT, merciful Father, that the calamities of this mortal life may never have the effect of driving me from thee, but invariably be the means of bringing me nearer to thee, of teaching me to know the evil of my heart, of bringing me in deep humility to the throne of grace, leading me to the study of thy holy word, weaning my affections from this sinful world, and drawing my thoughts from earth to heaven, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**July 22.****COMFORT IN AFFLICTION.**

THOU God of all comfort, I look to thee and thy holy word for comfort. May I have faith to exclaim with faithful Abraham, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" Give me faith to believe that "the Lord will not cast off for ever; but though he

cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies;" that "all things work together for good to them that love God;" and that what I see not now, I shall see hereafter. Strengthen, good Lord, my faith, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## July 23.

### STRONG CONSOLATION.

COMFORT thou me, O gracious Father, in all my tribulations, by the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, by thy blessed word, and by thy gracious promises. Enable me to bear in mind in all times of distress that my Saviour is able and willing to sympathise with me; that his sufferings were far heavier than any I shall be called upon to endure; that suffering is the portion of all thy people; and that the path of sorrow is no strange and unfrequented way. Incline thy gracious ear to me, and hear me, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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## July 24.

### ALL IS WELL.

MERCIFUL Lord God, enable me to believe, that while "there is no peace to the wicked," all will be well with me, if I am among the happy number of the righteous, in life, in death, at the judgment-day, and throughout eternity. "Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Amen.

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## July 25.

### ALL THINGS ARE OURS.

I DESIRE, O God, to bear in mind, that if I am united to Christ by faith, all things are mine—the

Christian Ministry, or "the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come." May I derive comfort from the thought that God is my all-merciful Father, Christ is my divine Saviour, the Holy Spirit is my gracious Comforter, angels my guardian attendants, saints in light my brethren, God's people my friends, and heaven my eternal home. For these and all thy mercies, I praise thee, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

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## July 26.

### SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL.

MAKE me, O my Father, submissive to thy holy will. Grant that I may have no will but thine, and do thy will as angels do it, actively and passively. Make me willing to go where thou wouldst have me to go, and do what thou wouldst have me to do. Whatever are thy dealings with me, let me be dumb and not open my mouth to reply against thee. Hear me, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## July 27.

### CONTENTMENT.

God of all grace, I pray for a contented frame of mind. Keep me from murmuring against thee at what I have not, and make me thankful for what I possess. Keep me quite contented with my position in life. May I know, from experience, that "godliness with contentment is great gain." Having food and raiment, let me be therewith content. Harken to my feeble cry, for Christ's sake. Amen.

July 28.

PATIENCE.

ETERNAL Jehovah, grant that I may count it all joy when I fall into divers temptations, knowing that the trying of my faith worketh patience. Let patience have her perfect work, that I may be perfect and entire, wanting no spiritual grace. "Have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplications," for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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July 29.

PATIENCE IN TRIALS.

ALMIGHTY God, make me, I beseech thee, patient in all my afflictions and trials. Enable me to possess my soul in patience. Help me patiently to wait thy good time for every mercy and favour. Give me the patience of thy servant Job; yea more, of my perfect model Christ Jesus. Amen.

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July 30.

PATIENCE TO WAIT.

GIVE me grace, O most merciful Father, to wait patiently for the coming of Christ, and for my good things hereafter. Enable me, with the Holy Spirit's help, to run with patience the heavenly race, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith. Give me patience with the children of men. May I have grace to bear with their infirmities and weaknesses, and not offend or cause them to stumble by my own, for the sake of my Advocate Christ Jesus. Amen.



July 31.

CARES.

THOU great Creator of the universe, I pray that I may have no over-anxiety as regards the future, but leave myself and all my affairs in thy hands, feeling assured that thou wilt deal well with me. I seek for grace to cast my burden upon thee, who hast promised to sustain me; and for grace to cast all my cares upon thee, for thou carest for me. May I have no anxious thoughts for the morrow, for if it comes, it shall take thought for the things of itself. Grant all these blessings for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Aug. 1.

COMPANIONS.

FATHER of all mercies, grant that I may receive the blessedness of the man, who "walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Help me to "forsake the foolish, and live, and go in the way of understanding." Make it my delight to associate with the excellent of the earth, for the sake of thy only-begotten Son, Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Aug. 2.

COMPANIONS.

MOST gracious Lord, choose thou friends and companions for me for life. I ask that they may be among the number of those who love, serve, fear, honour, and obey thee, and have a sincere and heartfelt attachment to the Saviour. May I walk

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with wise people, so shall I become wise myself and not be a companion of fools, lest I am destroyed. All I ask is for the sake of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

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### Aug. 3.

#### COMPANIONS.

HOLY Father, make me a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. I pray that I may not enter into the path of the wicked, nor go in the way of evil men; but "avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." Enable me to come out from among the wicked and worldly, and touch not the unclean thing, and thou hast promised to receive me, and be a Father to me. Hear me, O God, for the sake of the righteous and the holy One. Amen.

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### Aug. 4.

#### HAPPINESS.

GRANT, heavenly Father, that I may not seek my happiness from the creature, but from the Creator; not from earth, but from heaven; not from the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life; but give me grace to seek that happiness, which will stand by me when everything else fails; which will sustain me amidst the agonies of death; which will accompany me into the unseen world, and will remain with me for ever. Turn not a deaf ear to my entreaties for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Aug. 5.****HAPPINESS.**

ALMIGHTY God, grant that I may experience a happiness in the paths of holiness. I pray that I may not be a lover of pleasure, but a lover of thee; and not love pleasure, lest I prove myself to be spiritually dead, while naturally alive. Neither may I expect too much from earthly things. Always may I be prepared for disappointments, and not murmur against thee when they come. May I be privileged to live a heaven here below, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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**Aug. 6.****THE HAPPINESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.**

I PRAY, O God, that thy loving hand, thy providential hand, and thy protecting hand may ever be upon me for my good. While I am engaged in seeking thee, impart strong consolation to my soul. May I find the pearl of great price, durable riches and righteousness, and eternal happiness beyond the grave; and all I ask is for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**Aug. 7.****WISDOM.**

I CONFESS, O God, my need of wisdom to know how to speak and act under all the circumstances and amid all the duties of life. I lack wisdom, and I ask it of thee, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not. Give me the wisdom that cometh down from above; and the wisdom to think, speak, and act as I shall wish I had done when I come to die. In Christ's name only, I offer up my imperfect petitions. Amen.

**Aug. 8.**

## WISDOM.

THOU Omniscient Being, help me by thy Holy Spirit, to walk circumspectly, and with wisdom towards all men. Teach me when to speak and when to keep silence. Grant that I may receive the happiness of the man who findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. May I find, by experience, that "Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her ways are peace." I plead the merits and mediation of thy dear Son. Amen.

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**Aug. 9.**

## WISDOM.

BLESSED Lord, give me wisdom to seize upon every opportunity of getting good to my own soul, and doing good to the souls of others, of praying to thee, and praising thee, of studying thy holy word, and attending thy house of prayer. Grant me the wisdom to love, serve, fear, honour, and obey thee. I pray for a right judgment in all things. I trust for my acceptance to the infinite worthiness of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**Aug. 10.**

## THOUGHTS.

God of all holiness, I pray that my thoughts may not be sinful, selfish, and worldly; but holy, heavenly, and spiritual. Make them such as they ought to be, and well-pleasing in thy sight. Grant that I may not in times of trouble, entertain hard thoughts of thee, and feel disposed to murmur; but know and believe that thou art boundless love, and thy thoughts are only those of love towards me. Hear me for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Aug. 11.****THOUGHTS.**

O LORD, my heavenly Father, I pray that the sinful thoughts of my heart may be forgiven. Keep my thoughts from dwelling upon forbidden objects. Grant that I may hate vain and foolish thoughts. Keep me from proud, selfish, uncharitable, worldly, and discontented thoughts. Enable me, for the future, to think more of God, and his infinite mercy, more of Christ and his surpassing love, more of the Holy Spirit and his mighty power, and more of heaven, and its eternal joys, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**Aug. 12.****WORDS.**

O LORD, my heavenly Father, pardon all the vain, idle, and foolish words of my past life; and help me so to speak for the future, as to manifest thy grace in my heart. "Set a watch before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips," that nothing may proceed thence but what shall be good for the use of edifying. Help me to keep my mouth as with a bridle, when I am provoked to speak unadvisedly with my lips. Hear me according to the fulness of thy mercy in Christ. Amen.

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**Aug. 13.****WORDS.**

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of my mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that

it may minister grace unto the hearers." Keep my unruly member, the tongue, and give me at all times words of wisdom. May I remember my words are heard by God, and will affect the condition of my soul for ever. Through Christ I pray, who is my all-sufficient Redeemer. Amen.

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Aug. 14.

WORDS.

GOD of all grace, enable me to refrain my tongue from evil, and my lips from speaking guile. I pray that I may not think lightly of my words, but remember the warning of my Saviour, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." I desire constantly to speak of God and his wondrous works, of Christ and his loving-kindness, of the Holy Spirit and his power, and of heaven and its eternal joys, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Aug. 15.

WORKS.

O THOU that hearest prayer, make me, I humbly beseech thee, more fruitful in the performance of good works. I desire to bring forth a hundred-fold to thy honour and glory. Help me to do good, be rich in good thoughts, words, and works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate, laying up in store for myself a good foundation against the time to come, that I may lay hold on eternal life. Hearken to my feeble supplications for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Aug. 16.****EXAMPLE.**

LORD God Almighty, let my light so shine before men, that they may see my good works, and glorify my Father who is in heaven. Enable me to set an example to others of love to God and man, of obedience to thy commands, of diligence in my duties, of zeal in thy service, of holiness and consistency of life, of humility and meekness, of self-denial, of every Christian grace, and every heavenly virtue. May men take knowledge of me that I have been with Jesus, and held communion with him. Amen.

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**Aug. 17.****OBEDIENCE.**

O LORD of hosts, make me, I entreat thee, obedient to all the commands which I find in thy holy word. May I remember that "to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." I pray that my heart may "be perfect with the Lord my God, to walk in his statutes." O that I may hearken to thy commandments, then will my peace be as a river, and my righteousness as the waves of the sea. Hear me, for the sake of him whom thou hearest always. Amen.

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**Aug. 18.****HONOUR GOD.**

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, enable me to honour thee by my strong faith in thy word, promises, and providential dealings; by my prompt obedience to all thy commands; by trusting thee for time and

for eternity ; by patience under all the trials of this mortal life ; and by the cheerful surrender of my will to thine. Grant this, for the sake of thy only-begotten Son. Amen.

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**Aug. 19.**

HONOUR GOD.

HELP me, O my Father, to honour thee by my hearty love to thee and thy people ; by doing my utmost to please thee at all times ; by giving thee my time, means, influence, and talents ; by my daily self-denial ; by my honest testimony for thee and thy word ; by not being ashamed of the gospel of Christ ; by my fervent zeal for thy glory, and man's eternal good. All I ask and hope for is for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**Aug. 20.**

THE WORLD.

OPEN my eyes, good Lord, by the Holy Spirit, to see, with Solomon, that "all is vanity and vexation of spirit ;" that all things here below are quickly passing away ; that time is short and uncertain, while eternity is long and certain. Grant that I may live and labour, not for time, but chiefly for eternity, for the sake of thy well-beloved Son. Amen.

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**Aug. 21.**

THE WORLD.

O ETERNAL God, grant that I may, with thy servant Moses, choose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season ; esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches



than all the treasures of this world ; and have respect to the recompense of my eternal reward. Accept, and answer me, for the sake of my Advocate and Redeemer. Amen.

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Aug. 22.

THE WORLD.

GRANT, O God, that I may not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of my mind. I pray that I may not be a lover of pleasure, but a lover of thee. Keep me from walking according to the course of this world, and its ungodly maxims and sinful practices. May I see and believe that the fashion of this world passeth away. Hear me, gracious Father, for the sake of Jesus, my blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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Aug. 23.

THE WORLD.

GRANT, most merciful Father, that I may not live for this world's pleasures, nor cultivate the friendship of the world, which is enmity with thee. I pray that I may not love the world, nor the things that are in the world. Help me to sit loose to the things of time and sense. Lead me from the fleeting vanities of time to the substantial realities of eternity, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Aug. 24.

OUR ADVERSARY.

God of all power and might, prevent me from being led captive by Satan at his will. May I bear

in mind that I have many and powerful spiritual adversaries ; and that I “wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Wherefore, may I take the whole armour of God, that I may be able to stand in the evil day. Hear, O Lord, my supplications for Christ’s sake. Amen.

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Aug. 25.

OUR ADVERSARY.

GIVE me, thou Omnipotent One, spiritual strength to “resist the devil ;” and then I have the promise, he will flee from me. Make me sober and vigilant, because my “adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,” whom may I “resist stedfast in the faith.” May I go forth, conquering and to conquer, till Satan be for ever bruised beneath my feet. Harken to my cry, for my Redeemer’s sake. Amen.

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Aug. 26.

THE CHRISTIAN’S ARMOUR.

THOU Omnipotent Jehovah, give me inward power to withstand my spiritual foes. May I stand, having my loins girt about with truth ; and having on the breastplate of righteousness ; and my feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace ; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith I shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked ; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. I plead my Saviour’s all-prevailing merits. Amen.

**Aug. 27.****DELIVERANCE.**

**DELIVER** me, O eternal God, from all sin, from the attacks of the wicked one, from all unbelief, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word, from unholy tempers, and corrupt passions, from all feelings of envy and jealousy, from pride, covetousness, and self-will. Hear me, for the sake of him, in whom are placed all my hopes, Christ Jesus, Amen.

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**Aug. 28.****DELIVERANCE.**

**I BESEECH** thee, O God, to deliver me from the guilt of sin, and free me from every charge of sin by faith in Christ's blood and righteousness. Deliver me from the power of sin, by being born again, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit; from the hateful dominion of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and in the judgment-day from the awful consequences of sin. Then may I be found "complete in Christ," and "accepted in the Beloved." Amen.

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**Aug. 29.****OUR WEAKNESS.**

**ALMIGHTY** God, I confess that I am not sufficient of myself to think, much less to do, anything of myself, but all my sufficiency is in thee, and must be derived from thee. Without thy aid I stumble and fall into sin. Uphold me, I beseech thee, with thine all-powerful hand. Leave me not, neither forsake me, thou great God of my salvation; for his sake, who is my ever-living Friend and ever-merciful Saviour. Amen.

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Aug. 30.

PROCRASTINATION.

HEAVENLY Father, I pray that I may not foolishly delay repenting of all my sins, believing in Christ Jesus, and living a holy and consistent life. May I remember that now is the time to confess my sins, to turn to thee with my whole heart, to pray to thee and praise thee, to search the scriptures, to keep holy the sabbath day, and prepare my soul and the souls of others, for the eternal world. Hear me for Christ's sake, who alone is worthy. Amen.

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Aug. 31.

THE ACCEPTED TIME.

GOD of all grace, I seek for grace never to forget that now a throne of grace is open, and to-morrow it may be closed; now thou art willing to hear my prayers, and to-morrow I may be numbered among the dead; now Christ is willing to be my Mediator, to-morrow may be too late; now the Holy Spirit is ready to take possession of my heart, to-morrow he may strive no more; and that "now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." Grant this, and all my petitions, for the sake of my Advocate and Intercessor. Amen.

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Sept. 1.

JUSTIFICATION.

O LORD God of my salvation, grant that I may know and feel my deep need of being justified in thy sight. I confess that my sins are very many

and very great; yet I thank thee that Christ has died in my place, as my substitute and surety. I pray that I may stand before thee, in Christ, acquitted and guiltless. Being justified by faith, may I experience peace with God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### Sept. 2.

#### HOLINESS.

THOU God of holiness, make me holy in all my thoughts, words, and deeds; holy as thou art holy; pure as Christ is pure; and spiritual as the Spirit is spiritual. Make me, I beseech thee, heavenly and spiritually-minded. Take away my love of sinning, and give me a love of holiness. Suffer me not to halt and decline in my spiritual state. Hear me for the worthiness of Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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### Sept. 3.

#### HOLINESS.

THOU God, whose name and nature is holy, I pray that every dispensation of thy providence, whether prosperity or adversity, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit, to my present and eternal benefit. May my sinful corruptions grow weaker and weaker, and my graces grow stronger and stronger, till I at length reach the heavenly Canaan. Grant that the seeds of grace, which thou hast graciously planted in my heart, may be watered copiously and daily by the eternal Spirit, for the great Redeemer's sake. Amen.

## Sept. 4.

## HOLINESS.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, enable me to follow on unto the attainment of holiness, for without it I can never see Christ in glory, Leave me not, I entreat thee, under the curse of barrenness; but may all the graces of the Holy Spirit flourish in my soul. Make me more meet to be a partaker of "the inheritance of the saints in light;" more fit for my heavenly Father's house, and for the new Jerusalem. I plead the all-sufficient merits of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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## Sept. 5.

## HOLINESS.

HOLY Father, carry on within my heart, by the Holy Spirit, the all-important work of sanctification. Never may I think that I have already attained, either am already perfect, "but may I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things that are before, may I have grace to press daily towards the heavenly prize. I offer up my prayers through him who is the resurrection and the life, Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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## Sept. 6.

## HOLINESS.

I SEEK from thee, most gracious Father, a stronger faith, a brighter hope, a larger charity, more knowledge of thee, of Christ Jesus, and of the Holy Spirit,

more love to thee, more zeal in thy service, more submission to thy holy will, more devotion to thee, more patience with the children of men, more diligence in prayer and praise, more self-denial, more contentment, more usefulness in my day and generation, and more gratitude for all thy countless mercies, for the infinite merits of my Redeemer. Amen.

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Sept. 7.

HOLINESS.

God of all holiness, make me, I beseech thee, a vessel unto honour, sanctified and fitted for the Master's use; willing to do thy will and keep thy commandments. Give me greater longings after holiness, after a likeness to Christ, and a fitness for heaven. I pray that my soul may daily pant after thee, the living and the true God, and a greater nearness to thee. Let my afflictions be the means of my being made a partaker of thy holiness, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Sept. 8.

HOLINESS.

God of grace, mercy, and peace, I desire to be wholly thine. Make me perfect, "thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Grant that I may advance daily in the paths of holiness and of happiness. Do thou, the very God of grace, sanctify me wholly, and I pray that my whole spirit, soul, and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Sept. 9.

## HOLINESS.

GRANT, heavenly Father, that my path may resemble "the path of the just, which is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Make me perfect, even as thou art perfect. May I follow on to know thee fully, and obey thee perfectly. Do thou, the God of all grace, who hath called me unto thy eternal glory, by Christ Jesus, after that I have suffered awhile, make me perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle me. To thee be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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Sept. 10.

## HOLINESS.

I PRAY, O God, that I may not stand still in the divine life, but go on unto perfection. May I have grace to go forward in the path marked out for me by thy providence; in the path of holiness, which is the only path of happiness, peace, and joy. Do thou make me perfect in every good work to do thy will, working in me that which is well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Sept. 11.

## HOLINESS.

HELP me, most merciful Jehovah, to persevere daily, contending with my spiritual foes, overcoming the world, the flesh, and the devil. Give me grace to go forward, conquering and to conquer, prospering and to prosper, till I am removed from this world



by the hand of death, and enter into the paradise of God. May this be the hearty wish and earnest desire of my inmost soul, for the great Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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### Sept. 12.

#### HOLINESS.

ETERNAL and glorious Jehovah, I beseech thee to grant that my love may abound yet more and more in all judgment; that I may approve things that are excellent; that I may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; and that I may be "filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." Amen.

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### Sept. 13.

#### GROWTH IN GRACE.

BLESSED Lord, enable me to "follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." Grant that I may daily go onward, upward, and heavenward. I ask that I may go forward in the path of duty, and in that narrow road that leadeth to eternal life. Enable me to go from strength to strength, and from one degree of grace to another, till I appear before thee in the heavenly Zion; and to thee be ascribed all the praise of my salvation, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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### Sept. 14.

#### GROWTH IN GRACE.

I EARNESTLY desire, O God, that I may be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all wisdom and

spiritual understanding ; that I may walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God ; strengthened with all might, according to thy glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness ; giving thanks unto the Father, who hath made me meet to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light. Amen.

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### Sept. 15.

#### GROWTH IN GRACE.

Most merciful Lord, I pray that I may grow in grace ; in a knowledge of God, the Father ; Christ Jesus, the Saviour ; the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier ; and in thy holy word. May I grow in conformity to Christ's image, in faith, hope, charity, wisdom, zeal, patience, diligence, humility, usefulness, in every Christian grace, and every heavenly virtue, for the sake of Christ Jesus, my only and all-sufficient Saviour. Amen.

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### Sept. 16.

#### DEATH.

KING of kings, and Lord of lords, I pray that my soul may always be prepared for death, with all its solemn realities, for the judgment-day, and for eternity. Make me such a firm believer in Christ Jesus, and his infinite merits, that I may be able to look death calmly in the face, since it will merely open the door between me and my eternal rest. Give me power to triumph over death, saying, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Hear, answer, and be gracious to me, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

**Sept. 17.****THE JUDGMENT-DAY.**

GIVE me, gracious Father, faith to believe that a judgment-day is appointed by thee, when Christ will sit as Judge upon his great white throne, and before him will be gathered all nations, when the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed, and when Christ will say to the righteous, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;" and when he will say to the wicked, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Hear and bless me, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Sept. 18.****THE RESURRECTION.**

GOD of all mercy and truth, make me firmly persuaded of the fact that "my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." I praise thee that the time is not far distant, when, if I am a true believer, my body, which is now corruption, shall be raised in incorruption; which is now dishonourable, shall be raised in glory; which is now weakness, shall be raised in power; and which is now natural, shall become spiritual. I offer up my prayers and praises through him, who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.

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Sept. 19.

## HEAVEN.

O THOU, who inhabitest eternity, I thank thee for that happy time, which is not far distant, when if I have repented of my sins, I shall be raised to power, glory, and immortality; when I shall be made triumphant over sin, death, and the grave; when I shall be exalted to the possession of never-failing riches, never-fading honours, and never-ceasing pleasures in the heavenly mansions; for the alone merits of him who died upon the cross for our ruined race. Amen.

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## Sept. 20.

## HEAVEN.

THOU God of infinite love, I thank thee, that if I die in the Lord, my faith will be swallowed up in sight; my hope will become certainty; my knowledge will be vastly increased; my prayers will be turned into praises; my spiritual desires will receive their full accomplishment; the thought of parting will not diminish from the pleasure of meeting, and all will be happiness, peace, and joy, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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## Sept. 21.

## HEAVEN.

I THANK thee, most merciful Jehovah, that if I am a true believer in Christ, my daily conflict with the world, the flesh, and the devil, will soon terminate, my warfare will be accomplished, the faculties of my soul will be perfected, my capacities will be vastly enlarged, my most sanguine hopes realized, and I shall be perfectly holy, and consequently perfectly happy, for the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Sept. 22.

HEAVEN.

I THANK thee, O God, that if I am born again of the Holy Ghost, I shall, when this transitory and fleeting life is over, inherit the kingdom prepared for me from the foundation of the world, enter into everlasting habitations, into mansions of life, light, love, peace, and joy, and I shall be for ever engaged in crying with a loud voice, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Amen.

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Sept. 23.

HEAVEN.

I THANK thee, O merciful Father, that "in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand pleasures for evermore." Grant that I may not lay up treasures upon earth, but have the wisdom to lay them up in heaven. May I remember for my comfort and joy, that "in my Father's house are many mansions," and that Christ has gone to heaven to prepare a place for me. For this, and all thy other mercies, I praise thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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Sept. 24.

HEAVEN.

BLESSED Lord, I pray that I may daily contemplate, with unspeakable joy, the time which is fast hasting on, when, if my sins are pardoned, I shall enjoy the presence of the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; when I shall be associated with angels and *archangels*; when I shall be privileged to mingle

with the glorified saints; and when I shall be reunited with those Christian relatives and friends, whom I have loved upon earth. Accept my hearty thanksgiving for all thy countless mercies, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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Sept. 25.

HEAVEN.

GRANT, merciful Father, that I may constantly meditate, with great delight, upon the time when, if my sins are washed away in Christ's blood, I shall be privileged to enjoy the society of the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, reformers, missionaries, and multitudes "of whom the world was not worthy;" when I shall see all the people of God who have ever been born, and "I shall know even as also I am known." Assist me, O God, by thy Holy Spirit, in my meditations, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Sept. 26.

HEAVEN.

MAY I, O God, look forward with the eye of faith, to that blessed period when, if I am a sincere follower of Jesus, I shall appear before thee pure in Christ's purity, glorious in Christ's glory, comely in Christ's comeliness; when I shall be presented by my Saviour to the Father as not having spot or wrinkle, or any kind of blemish; and when I shall be clothed with my resurrection-body, that will never know weariness, sickness, faintness, nor decay. Those things which I ask not, in thy tender mercy bestow, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Sept. 27.****HEAVEN.**

THOU God of all consolation, in times of affliction, cheer me with the glorious prospects before me, of that rest that remaineth unto the people of God, of that "city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God," and of that "inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away." To thee, O God, be ascribed all the praise for thy mercies, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**Sept. 28.****A CROWN OF GLORY.**

THOU King eternal, immortal, invisible, make me faithful unto death, and I shall obtain a crown of life, of righteousness, and of glory, that fadeth not away. Never may I forget that I am a stranger and a pilgrim, that here I have no continuing city, and when I die I shall have "a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Incline thine ear to me and hear me now and ever, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Sept. 29.****WITH CHRIST.**

God of all grace and love, grant that I may look forward, with rapture, to the time when, if I endeavour to follow Christ here, I shall be entirely like him hereafter; when I shall have a glorious body, sit with Christ upon his throne, wear a crown of gold, walk with him in white, and follow in his train

whithersoever he goeth; when I shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on me, nor any heat; for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed me, and shall lead me unto living fountains of water; and God shall wipe away all tears from my eyes. Hear me, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Sept. 30.

NO SIN AND SORROW.

THOU fountain of all holiness and happiness, let my thoughts continually dwell upon that glorious place, where there will be no sin, no sinners, no tempter, no temptations, no ignorance, no discord, no fears, no cares, no wants, no sorrow, no separation, no sickness, no tears, and no death. I offer up my petitions through Christ, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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Oct. 1.

THE EVERLASTING GATES.

O THOU, who inhabitest eternity, grant that I may look forward with unspeakable joy to that happy time when the everlasting gates will be thrown wide open for my reception, when I shall enter with Christ, when he will lead me to his many mansions, and appoint me a place in his heavenly kingdom. May I look forward to the time when I shall "shine as the brightness of the firmament," and "as the stars for ever and ever," for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.



**Oct. 2.****ETERNAL LIFE.**

THOU Giver of every good gift, enable me to wait patiently for my good things hereafter. By patient continuance in well-doing, may I "seek for glory, honour, and immortality," so shall I inherit eternal life. Grant that I may not look "at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen," knowing that "the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." These, and all other benefits, I ask in the name of my great Redeemer. Amen.

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**Oct. 3.****ETERNITY.**

ETERNAL God, let my thoughts be constantly occupied with the solemn word *eternity*. May I reflect what it will be to live for ever. Enable me firmly to believe, that some shall awake to the enjoyment of "everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt;" that the wicked shall "go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal;" and that "the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord." Amen.

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**Oct. 4.****PERSEVERANCE.**

MOST gracious Father, I pray that I may not grow weary in well-doing, nor slacken my endeavours after the attainment of everlasting life. Give me grace to persevere watching, praying, praising, and

pleasing thee ; loving, serving, fearing, honouring, and obeying thee ; studying thy holy word, attending upon the means of grace, and at thy holy table, keeping holy thy sabbaths, and following the bright example of Christ Jesus, going about doing good ; in whose all-prevailing name I offer up these and all my petitions. Amen.

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Oct. 5.

PERSEVERANCE.

GOD of all power and might, enable me to persevere seeking thee, being fully persuaded that I shall not seek thy face in vain. Keep me, I beseech thee, watchful and prayerful all the days of my life. I pray that I may manifest my perseverance by my increasing faith, and have grace to endure even unto the end. Supply all my need out of the inexhaustible riches treasured up for me in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Oct. 6.

PERSEVERANCE.

I PRAY, O God, that Satan may not be permitted to snatch away the good seed that has been sown in my heart. Grant that the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of worldly things, may not enter my heart, and choke the word that has been sown there ; but may I receive thy word into a heart prepared by sovereign grace ; and may it bring forth fruit a hundredfold, to thy honour and glory, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

**Oct. 7.****PERSEVERANCE.**

GOD of mercy, grant that I may not be amongst the number of those who commence well, and then turn aside from the right way; who go back to sin and the ways of the world; who set out upon the road to Zion, but never reach the heavenly Canaan. Make me "steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Send me not empty away, for the sake of Christ, my Advocate and High Priest. Amen.

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**Oct. 8.****PERSEVERANCE.**

HOLY Father, give me grace to lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset me, and to run with patience the race set before me. Help me to keep my eye steadily fixed upon Christ Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith. Enable me to hold fast the profession of my faith without wavering. I earnestly desire to "abide in Christ," that when he shall appear again the second time, I may not be ashamed. I crave acceptance to my prayer in his infinite merits. Amen.

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**Oct. 9.****PEACE.**

O THOU from whom all good things do come, I seek at thy hands a true and lasting peace—a peace of mind and of conscience, resulting from a sense of *pardoned sin*, and of enjoying reconciliation with

thee. I ask for that real peace of which the ungodly are destitute—that peace which was Christ's parting legacy to his people, and which the world cannot give, and, thanks be to God, cannot take away. Give me an answer of peace for Christ's sake. Amen.

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Oct. 10.

PROSPERITY.

THOU Giver of every perfect gift, I humbly and fervently pray that I may resemble a tree planted by the river side, which bringeth forth its fruit in due season. Let not my leaf wither, and grant that whatever I do may prosper. It is my earnest desire to flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Prosper me, O God, in everything I attempt to do for thy glory, and the benefit of my fellow-creatures. "Prosper thou the work of my hands upon me, yea, prosper thou my handiwork," for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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Oct. 11.

THE NEW CREATURE IN CHRIST.

THOU great Creator of the universe, I pray that I may be born again of the Holy Ghost, and become a new creature in Christ Jesus. Give me a new heart, new principles, new desires, new hopes, new pleasures, new occupations, and new friends. Grant that I may act from new, holy, and heavenly motives,—the glory of God, and the eternal good of man. I ask in faith of an abundant answer in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**Oct. 12.****ALL NEED SUPPLIED.**

LORD of all power and might, I bring my empty vessel to the wells of salvation to be filled out of thy inexhaustible fulness. Enable me to quench my spiritual thirst. Helpless, I come to thee for help; poor, I come to thee for riches; weak, I come to thee for strength; unholy, I come to thee for holiness; impure, I come to thee for purity; and with a heart full of unbelief, I come to thee for faith. Graciously supply all the necessities of my soul for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Oct. 13.****DILIGENCE.**

GRANT, heavenly Father, that I may never become an indolent, slothful and idle servant; but always be active, energetic and zealous in thy service. May I know from experience the truth of Solomon's declaration, "in all labour there is profit." I pray that I may "not be slothful, but a follower of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Bestow these blessings, I beseech thee, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Oct. 14.****DILIGENCE.**

WHATSOEVER, O God, my hand findeth to do that is scriptural, lawful and right, that help me to do with my might, remembering that there is "no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in *the grave*," whither I am fast hastening. Give me *grace* to "work while it is day;" for "the night

cometh when no man can work." I would bear in mind that now is the time to labour, and hereafter is the time to rest. Grant me, O God, all that thy dear Son has purchased by the shedding of his precious blood. Amen.

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Oct. 15.

DILIGENCE.

HEAVENLY Father, I pray that I may never become "slothful in business," but ever be "fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." "Giving all diligence," may I add to my "faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity." I plead not my own worthiness, but the worthiness of Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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Oct. 16.

EARNESTNESS.

"O LORD, I cry to thee with my whole heart." Make me, I intreat thee, far more earnest as regards my own soul, and the souls of my fellow-creatures. Give me grace to fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold upon eternal life, and run with vigour the heavenly race. Hearken to the prayers of thy unworthy servant, for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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Oct. 17.

EARNESTNESS.

I PRAY, O God, that I may not be cold, but warm in thy service; not dead, but alive; not dull, but

active ; not lukewarm, but zealous ; not lifeless, but lively ; not formal, but hearty ; not unspiritual, but spiritual ; and not unholy, but holy. I trust, O God, alone to my Saviour's merits for acceptance. Amen.

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Oct. 18.

ZEAL.

ALMIGHTY God, give me I beseech thee, a holy zeal in thy service—a rightly directed zeal. May I manifest my zeal for thy inspired word, thy holy day, thy house of prayer, in my earnest wish to please thee, and do thy will on earth as it is done in heaven. Make me zealous in the performance of every good word and work. I worship thee, O God, in the great Redeemer's name. Amen.

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Oct. 19.

DUTY.

THOU Omniscient God, teach me, by the Holy Spirit, day by day, what I ought to do, and enable me to perform the same. Give me grace to do my duty prayerfully, wisely, conscientiously, and humbly, in that state of life, whereunto thou hast been pleased to place me. O that Christ may be able to say to me in the last great day, before the assembled universe, "Well done, good and faithful servant ; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things ; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Hear me, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

Oct. 20.

DUTY.

BLESSED Lord, grant that I may be permitted to take a pleasure in the performance of my christian duties. I humbly pray that it may be my meat and drink to do Thy will, and to finish the work Thou hast given me to do. May I so think, speak, and act, that I may be able to say upon my death-bed, "My fears, temptations, conflicts, and troubles are all finished: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give at that day." All I ask is for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

Oct. 21.

MOTIVES.

GRANT, heavenly Father, that my motives for what I say, and do, and pray, may not be sinful, selfish, and worldly; but holy, heavenly, and well-pleasing in thy sight. Give me a singleness of purpose, and a single eye to thy honour and glory. Whether I eat, or drink, or whatever I do, let me do all to thy glory. Grant me a sincere and heartfelt love to Christ, such as will restrain me from sin, and constrain, and influence me in all I say and do. In his name only I offer up this, and all my petitions. Amen.

Oct. 22.

LIFE.

ALMIGHTY God, who art the Giver of life, grant that I may not live for purposes of vanity, sin-



fulness, and pleasure ; not for mere selfish ends and objects ; to indulge in every luxury, and drink the fullest cup of this world's pleasures ; and not for the indulgence of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life ; but may I have grace to live for far higher ends and nobler purposes, for the sake of Christ Jesus, my Saviour. Amen.

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Oct. 23.

LIFE.

HEAVENLY Father, make me willing to live so long as it is thy good pleasure, for the highest, holiest, and purest objects that can possibly influence man. May I live for some good purpose, for the glory of God, and the preparation of my own soul and the souls of my fellow-creatures for the heavenly mansions, for the sake of him, who ever liveth to make intercession for me, and for all thy people. Amen.

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Oct. 24.

LIFE.

I PRAY for grace, O God, to live not for time, but chiefly for eternity, and its solemn realities. Help me to live a life of faith upon the Son of God ; to live upon Christ, for Christ, like Christ, so that I may live with Christ for ever hereafter. I desire to say, with the Apostle Paul, "I am crucified with Christ ; nevertheless I live ; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me : and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Amen.

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Oct. 25.

LIFE.

Most merciful Jehovah, enable me so to live as to please thee. May I live a life of obedience to thy commands; a life of holiness and of the truest happiness; a life of wisdom, and not folly; a life of prayer and praise for all thy mercies; and of delightful contemplation upon thy word, thy works, and thy ways. Let these prayers ascend to heaven, through the all-sufficient merits of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Oct. 26.

LIFE.

O LORD, my heavenly Father, may I live as in thy presence and that of my Saviour. Give me grace to live up to the light I possess, and the opportunities I enjoy in this highly favoured land. Help me to live according to scriptural rules. I desire to live a heaven here below, ever having Christ in my heart, and heaven in my eye, and continue travelling to heaven as my eternal home. Grant that my feeble prayers may enter into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Oct. 27.

LIFE.

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, make it, I beseech thee, the earnest desire of my soul to consecrate my whole life, and my talents to thee; to serve thee faithfully, heartily, and boldly all the days of my life; to be useful in my day and generation; to be

devoted to thee and thy service; to live a life in earnest; to be zealously affected in every good cause; to live a life of diligence, self-denial, of moderation, temperance, and sobriety, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Oct. 28.

LIFE.

GOD of light, and life, and love, enable me to spend a life of contentment and submission to thy holy will; free from over-thought and care about earthly things and worldly trifles; with a heart full of love to thee and man. May I live, not trusting to my own righteousness for salvation, but to the perfect righteousness of Christ Jesus, the righteous and the holy One; through whom alone I offer up these, and all my petitions. Amen.

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Oct. 29.

LIFE.

O THOU who inhabitest eternity, grant that I may live with eternity in view, with the great white throne constantly before my eyes, always prepared for death, judgment, and eternity. Make it, O God, my constant endeavour to live according to thy mind and will; as I shall wish I had done when I come to die; and not fearing the approach of my last enemy. Thou that hearest prayer, hearken to me, for the sake of my Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

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Oct. 30.

LIFE.

O THOU, from whom all good things do come, help me to live, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith; keeping my eyes steadily fixed upon him. Grant that I may continue waiting and watching patiently for my Lord's return to this world, with my loins girded, my staff in my hand, and prepared to march to the city of the living God. I address thee, O Father, in the all-prevailing name of thy well-beloved Son. Amen.

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Oct. 31.

LIFE.

God of all power and might, give to me the Holy Spirit, to enable me to magnify Christ, whether by living or dying. Grant that to me to live may be Christ, and then to die will be gain. Whether I live, may I live unto the Lord; or whether I die, may I die unto the Lord, so that whether living or dying, I may be the Lord's. I beseech thee to hear me, and to give me an answer of peace, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Nov. 1.

THE SOUL'S VALUE.

I HUMBLY pray, O God, that I may know more of the soul's priceless worth. May I learn this important truth from its origin, from the eternal happiness or misery that awaits it, from the hourly strife carried on between heaven and hell to obtain

it, and from the costly price of its redemption, even Emmanuel's precious blood. Never may I forget that eternity stamps infinite importance on the soul. I ask that this, and all my prayers, may be heard in the courts of heaven, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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## Nov. 2.

### THE SOUL'S VALUE.

MOST merciful Father, never may I be unmindful of my Saviour's question, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or, what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" I desire to bear in mind, that this life is but the seed-time of eternity, and that if I sow to the flesh, I shall of the flesh reap corruption; and if I sow to the Spirit, I shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Hear me for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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## Nov. 3.

### THE SOUL'S VALUE.

HEAVENLY Father, I pray for faith to believe that my body is more than a mere shell of clay, and that the mean case holds a matchless jewel. Grant that I may not lose my soul, be banished for ever from thy presence, and be cast into outer darkness. Let the question arise from the depths of my heart, "What must I do to be saved?" and another question ring in my ears, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" I plead the all-sufficient merits of my great High Priest. Amen.

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**Nov. 4.****THE SOUL'S VALUE.**

HOLY Father, enable me to work out my own salvation with fear and trembling, believing that it is God who worketh in me to will and to do of his good pleasure. Daily may I consider whether my soul is safe in Christ Jesus, whether I am united to him by a true and living faith, and whether I have undergone that great change of heart, which is necessary in order that I may enter into the joy of my Lord. Hear me, for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**Nov. 5.****THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL.**

GOD of my salvation, give me grace to make the salvation of my soul the chief concern of my life, and to choose that good part which shall never be taken away from me; then for my comfort and encouragement, may I bear in mind, that whether my future life be one of prosperity or adversity, it will bring me nearer my loving Father, nearer my precious Saviour, nearer my comforting Spirit, and nearer my eternal home. Incline thine ear to me, and hearken to my petitions, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**Nov. 6.****A LOVE FOR SOULS.**

GOD of mercy and love, I pray for a far greater love to the souls of my fellow-creatures, and deeper feelings of benevolence. Let me feel a tender con-

cern for my relatives, friends, my country, as well as Jews and Gentiles throughout the world. Grant that my heart may open, my love increase, my affections expand, and may I earnestly long and fervently pray, that the whole world may come to a knowledge of themselves as sinners, and Christ Jesus as their only and all-sufficient Saviour. Amen.

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Nov. 7.

A LOVE FOR SOULS.

GRACIOUS Lord, never may I bear to hear of thousands dying day by day without a saving knowledge of the truth. May my heart melt at another's woe, and gladden at another's welfare. Give me the same intense love for souls as my Saviour possessed, his zeal for his Father's glory, and man's eternal welfare. I plead his all-prevailing intercession. Amen.

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Nov. 8.

A WILLING HEART.

HEAVENLY Father, give me, I beseech thee, a willing heart and mind to do always what is right and well-pleasing in thy sight. Make me, by the almighty power of the Holy Spirit, willing to attend to the things which make for my everlasting peace, to love, serve, fear, honour and obey thee, willing to take the lowest place, to sit low at the foot of the Saviour's cross, to deny myself, to take up my cross daily and follow closely in the footsteps of my adorable Redeemer, for his great name's sake. Amen.

**Nov. 9.****THE MERCIFUL.**

GOD of mercy, pity and compassion, make me, like thyself, merciful to others, and full of tenderness and compassion towards them. Enable me to pity those who are suffering from sin and sorrow, and be desirous to relieve their wants, and lessen their sufferings, whether of mind, body, or estate. Cause me to abound in good works ; then shall I be blessed in this life, and reap a rich and abundant reward in the world to come ; not for my worthiness, but for the worthiness of him who shed his life blood for me, and the children of men. Amen.

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**Nov. 10.****USEFULNESS.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, I confess my little love for the souls of my fellow-creatures. I lament, bewail and deplore it. Give me wisdom to cast my bread upon the waters, firmly believing that I shall find it, although it may be after many days. Enable me to do what I can, where I can, when I can, and how I can to promote the glory of God, the extension of the great Redeemer's kingdom, and the eternal benefit of man, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Nov. 11.****TIME.**

MOST gracious Lord, keep me from wasting my precious time in idleness, or sleep, or foolish conversation and unprofitable reading ; but grant that



I may set a right value upon it, redeem it from sin and slothfulness, and put it to the best account. I desire to "give to God each moment as it flies." I ask much from thee, O God, but do thou give more, for the infinite merits of my Saviour. Amen.

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Nov. 12.

TIME.

GREAT and glorious Jehovah, I pray that I may not be unmindful of the rapid flight of time; that "time is short" and uncertain, while eternity is long and certain. I would remember that life is compared by St. James to a "vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." I desire to reflect constantly upon the fact that I am but a sojourner upon earth. So teach me to number my days, as to apply my heart to heavenly wisdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Nov. 13.

TALENTS.

THOU Giver of every good gift, I pray that I may not foolishly waste the talents thou hast given me, or squander them away, or bury them in the earth; but give me wisdom, to cast them at the foot of the cross, to put them to the best account, to occupy them till Christ, my Master, comes again a second time, and to spend and be spent, that immortal souls may live. I place all my petitions in the hands of my Advocate and Mediator. Amen.

**Nov. 14.****REVIVE THY WORK.**

GOD of all power and might, I confess my entire need of thy preventing and assisting grace. Quickened me by thy word, by thy Spirit, and by thy providential dealings, to run the heavenly race. I confess my lukewarmness and formality in thy service. Enable me to worship thee "in spirit and in truth." Raise me from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness. Bestow upon me a gracious answer for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**Nov. 15.****REVIVE THY WORK.**

"O LORD, revive thy work" in our days. "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Let us know another Pentecost. Grant that multitudes this year may be brought to a knowledge of themselves as sinners, and Christ Jesus as their all-sufficient Saviour. May many, from among Jews and Gentiles, be "turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God," for the infinite merits of Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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**Nov. 16.****REVIVE THY WORK.**

GRANT, thou Omnipotent One, that the dominion of the prince of darkness may be overthrown, and the kingdom of Christ come speedily, and be established throughout the earth. Let this be "the day of thy power," in which thou wilt make thy people willing to hear and obey thee. "Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved." Hearken to my feeble supplications and give me an answer of peace, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Nov. 17.****REVIVE THY WORK.**

GOD grant that the Holy Spirit may again move upon our earth, so that beauty and order may spring out of confusion. From pole to pole let Christ's great name be known. I pray that many in this, and distant lands may be led to cry out with all earnestness, "What must I do to be saved?" May the time be not far distant when Satan's kingdom shall be overthrown, when sin shall be banished from the earth, when Christ's kingdom shall be established, when he shall take the first place in man's affections, when holiness shall be stamped upon every brow, and dwell in every heart. I plead only the name of my Redeemer. Amen.

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**Nov. 18.****A PRAYER FOR RELATIONS.**

O GOD, the protector of all who trust in thee, I intercede on behalf of my relations. Bless them with thy richest favours, and give them the same spiritual and eternal blessings which I ask for myself. Let no root of bitterness spring up to trouble us. Make us a happy and united family; and may we all live together in harmony, goodwill, and love. Hear me, on behalf of all whom I would remember in my prayers, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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**Nov. 19.****A PRAYER FOR THE QUEEN.**

THOU King of kings, and Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, let thy blessing rest upon our gracious sovereign, the Queen. I pray that the

hand which is now called upon, in thy providence, to wield a sceptre so weighty, and the tender brow that wears a crown so anxious, may be mercifully watched over and protected by thee. When the earthly crown shall fade, may a heavenly crown be won. All I ask is for the sake of Christ Jesus my Saviour. Amen.

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## Nov. 20.

### A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY.

FATHER of mercies, I pray for those who hold the reins of office, and who guide the important affairs of this great nation. May they have the love of God in their hearts, the fear of God before their eyes, be endued with wisdom from on high, and be forward in the promotion of every good word and work. Grant that they may value thy word, and govern according to its principles. Bestow upon me a gracious answer, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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## Nov. 21.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY.

Look, O God, with thy especial favour upon our country. Make us a people fearing thee and working righteousness. Let us not be unmindful of the fact, that "righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Let there be peace in our time, and in our land. Grant that we may set a good example to all the nations of the earth. Keep us from all heresy, superstition, and intemperance. We are exalted to heaven in privileges, may we not be cast down to hell for the neglect of them, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

**Nov. 22.****A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, I intercede on behalf of the whole catholic church throughout the world. Grant that the church of our forefathers may always remain a pure and apostolic church, and sound in the faith. May her ministers be heaven-born, heaven-taught, and heaven-sent; taught themselves by the Holy Spirit, that they may be able to teach others. I offer up my intercessions in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**Nov. 23.****A PRAYER FOR MINISTERS.**

GOD of all truth and love, I beseech thee to grant that all who undertake the sacred office of the ministry, may be God-loving, God-serving, God-fearing, and God-honouring men. Make them faithful watchmen, ever standing upon their watch-tower; teachers, who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, preaching the whole counsel of God, and wise in winning souls to Christ; in whose all prevailing name I offer up my intercessions. Amen.

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**Nov. 24.****A PRAYER FOR MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES.**

O THOU who dwellest in the heavens, I pray that all Ministers and Missionaries may be faithful shepherds, under Christ, the great, good, and chief Shepherd; and watch over the flock committed to

their charge. Make them skilful physicians under Christ, who is the great Physician of souls, able to minister to the spiritual diseases of their people. May they hold and preach pure doctrine, live holy and consistent lives, and earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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Nov. 25.

A PRAYER FOR THE UNGODLY.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, I pray that thou wouldst "have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks : and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord." Amen.

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Nov. 26.

THE DUTY OF WATCHFULNESS.

O God, my heavenly Father, help me with the Holy Spirit's assistance, to continue watchful and prayerful all the days of my life. May I always remain upon my watch-tower, and look for the second coming of my Lord, when Christ will come, not as he did the first time in great humility, but with majesty, and glory, surrounded by all his holy angels, to be glorified by his saints, and admired by all true believers. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, three Persons in one God, be all honour and glory, now and ever. Amen.

**Nov. 27.****THE DUTY OF WATCHFULNESS.**

BLESSED Lord, grant that I may watch against neglecting ordinances, and the means of grace. Help me to watch against neglecting public and private prayer, searching the scriptures, hearing thy word read and preached in a careless, prayerless manner, neglecting to attend the table of the Lord, and not observing thy holy day. I desire to pray with an increasing faith in thy promises, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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**Nov. 28.****THE DUTY OF WATCHFULNESS.**

HOLY Father, give me grace daily to watch my heart, my desires, my thoughts, words and works. May I watch against my besetting sins, against pride, uncharitable tempers, and against all feelings of envy, jealousy, selfishness, hatred and unkindness. Make me also watchful against spiritual slothfulness. Bow down thine ear to me, and hear me, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

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**Nov. 29.****THE DUTY OF WATCHFULNESS.**

MOST gracious Lord, enable me, by the Holy Spirit's aid, to watch against backsliding, against my threefold enemies, the world, the flesh and the Devil, against following the multitude to do evil, and against setting a bad example to others. Help me to watch against sinful and worldly motives for what I say and do, against breaking any of thy commandments, which are holy, just and good. Arise, O God, quicken me in my spiritual work, and hear me speedily, for my Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**Nov. 30.****THE DUTY OF WATCHFULNESS.**

ALMIGHTY Father, give me grace to watch against all sin. I desire to be more watchful every day I live. Let my whole life be one of watchfulness and prayer. Never may I think that I can watch and pray too much. Let my Saviour's words constantly ring in my ears, "What I say unto you, I say unto all, watch." Holy Father, turn not away from the desires of my heart, when presented through Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**Dec. 1.****CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.**

BLESSED Lord, I come, deeply feeling my ignorance on the all-important subject of my Saviour's return to this world. I humbly pray that thou wouldest, by the teaching of the Holy Spirit, give me a clear insight into what is revealed in thy word concerning the second advent of thy dear Son. Overcome my prejudice, enlighten my ignorance, dissipate my doubts, and remove my fears, for the infinite merits of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**Dec. 2.****CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.**

HEAVENLY Father, grant that I may remember that the present dispensation is drawing to a close; that "the night is far spent, the day is at hand;" that "the coming of the Lord draweth nigh;" that



"the Judge standeth before the door;" that "the end of all things is at hand;" and that my Saviour declared centuries ago, "Surely, I come quickly." I would joyfully respond, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Amen.

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### Dec. 3.

#### CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.

ALMIGHTY and immortal God, give me such confidence in Christ's atoning blood, and such a sense of pardoned sin, that I may be among the happy number of those who love Christ's appearing. Let my meditations upon this glorious doctrine produce in me practical results, and be the means of leading me to self-examination, watchfulness and prayer. I offer up this, and all my petitions, in the name of my great High Priest. Amen.

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### Dec. 4.

#### CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.

O THOU holy One, who inhabitest eternity, enable me to continue looking, with the eye of faith, to Christ Jesus, who hath made an atonement for sin, and ever liveth to plead my cause in heaven. Also may I look for him, who will come again to raise his saints, and reign with them in glory. Daily may I look for "that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Amen.

Dec. 5.

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.

I PRAY, O God, that the constant remembrance of my Master's return to this earth, may have the blessed effect of moderating me in times of prosperity, of comforting me in times of adversity, of strengthening me in times of weakness, and of urging me forward in the path of duty. Graciously bring me to thy presence in glory, that I may behold the beauty of the Lord, and be satisfied when I awake, with his likeness. Hearken to my imperfect requests, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

Dec. 6.

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING.

THOU King eternal, immortal and invisible, let me not be found sleeping at my post, but watching, waiting, working, and praying when my Lord returns. May I not be found among the foolish virgins, but among the wise, with the oil of the Holy Spirit in my lamp. Deeply impress upon my mind the solemn truth, that "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." May I, according to thy promise, "Look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Hear me, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Dec. 7.****THE JEWS.**

O God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, I come to thy mercy-seat, pleading for thine ancient people Israel. I would not "keep silence, and give thee no rest, till thou establish and make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." May I possess more of the zeal of the Apostle Paul, and his intense love for souls, who declared, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Christ's blood, righteousness, and intercession are my only plea. Amen.

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**Dec. 8.****THE JEWS.**

God of mercy and grace, I pray that the Jewish nation may no longer remain ignorant of thy righteousness, and vainly endeavour "to establish their own righteousness," but at once submit themselves unto the righteousness of God. May I remember and believe that God has not cast away his own chosen, and formerly highly-favoured people. I desire to learn from their history "the goodness and severity of God." I present my petitions in thy Son's great name. Amen.

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**Dec. 9.****THE JEWS.**

I THANK thee, most merciful Father, for having put it into the heart of some of thy people to establish a Society for promoting Christianity among the

**Jews.** I pray for all Missionaries and Agents who are endeavouring to enlighten the dark minds of the Jewish nation. Make them more prayerful, zealous, and successful, for the sake of Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

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**Dec. 10.**

**THE JEWS.**

O LORD, my God, I humbly beseech thee to raise up the right men to carry forward the missionary work among the Jewish nation ; men taught of God, and influenced by the Holy Spirit ; men of faith and prayer ; and grant them thy blessing, without which they cannot prosper. Bless the means employed, whether by preaching the gospel, or by schools, or by conversation, or the circulation of thy holy word, or tracts. Accept my imperfect intercessions, for Christ's sake. Amen.

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**Dec. 11.**

**THE JEWS.**

God of all consolation, remember, I entreat thee, thy ancient people Israel. May it move thy tender heart to see them lying in the dust. Pour out upon them "the spirit of grace and of supplication." Enable them to look upon Christ, whom they have pierced, and "mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born." Hear my prayers, good Lord, for those who know thee not, for Christ's sake. Amen.

**Dec. 12.****THE JEWS.**

I PRAY, O God, that the veil of ignorance which overspreads the faces of the Jewish nation may speedily be removed, that they may be permitted to see that Christ Jesus, by divine appointment, was lifted up as a malefactor upon the accursed tree; that amidst insult, reproach, and infamy, he poured out his soul unto death, and "made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world." Amen.

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**Dec. 13.****THE JEWS.**

GOD of our salvation, I humbly "pray for the peace of Jerusalem," knowing and believing thy promise, "they shall prosper who love thee." Bring the Jewish nation out of their spiritual darkness into the marvellous light of thy truth. Grant that I may be interested myself, and do my utmost to interest others, in their conversion. I pray that I may seize upon every opportunity of promoting their welfare, give of my means for this purpose, and offer up unceasing prayers on their behalf, for the great Redeemer's sake. Amen.

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**Dec. 14.****THE HEATHEN.**

O MOST merciful Father, I intercede on behalf of the benighted heathen. I pray for those who are perishing in their sins, living without a knowledge

of Christ, and dying without a good hope of eternal life hereafter. Pour down thy Holy Spirit upon them in an abundant supply. Breathe upon dry bones that they may live. Send out thy light and thy truth into the dark places of the earth, which are "full of the habitations of cruelty." Hear my intercession for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Dec. 15.

THE HEATHEN.

THOU God, who art full of compassion, I beseech thee to bring the heathen to a knowledge of themselves as sinners, and of Jesus Christ as their only and all-sufficient Saviour. Have pity upon those who have no pity upon themselves. Open their blind eyes, soften their hard hearts, and cause them to attend to the things which make for their everlasting peace, for his sake who ever liveth to make intercession for us. Amen.

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Dec. 16.

THE HEATHEN.

MOST merciful Father, give unto thy Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. I pray that the everlasting gospel may have free course and be glorified in the salvation of many souls. Let its joyful sound be heard in every land, be preached in every tongue, and its truth received into every heart. Hear me, O God, for his sake who died and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession at thy right hand in glory. Amen.

**Dec. 17.****THE HEATHEN.**

O THOU, who art the fountain of all goodness, awaken in this land and parish, a more fervent zeal for thy glory, and a tender compassion for the perishing heathen. Arouse many to a deeper sense of their solemn duty towards them. Stir up amongst us a missionary spirit, a catholic spirit, and a love for the souls of men. May thy kingdom come into my heart and the hearts of all mankind, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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**Dec. 18.****THE HEATHEN.**

I PRAY, O God, for thy blessing to rest upon all Missionaries and Teachers who are engaged in labouring among the heathen. Crown their efforts with abundant success. Bestow upon them wisdom, love, zeal, grace, mercy, and peace. Look with thy especial favour upon each station established in different parts of the world. I thank thee, O Father, through Christ Jesus thy Son, that thou art far more ready to hear, than I am to pray. Amen.

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**Dec. 19.****THE HEATHEN.**

O THOU Lord of the harvest, send forth more labourers into thy harvest. Raise up men burning with a holy zeal for thy cause, who shall go forth to preach amongst the heathen "the unsearchable riches of Christ." Put it into the hearts of many to

sow bountifully, that they may reap bountifully. May they not give "grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." Holy Father, I offer up my intercessions in the way in which thou hast ordained, through Christ Jesus my Lord. Amen.

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Dec. 20.

THE HEATHEN.

HEAVENLY Father, give to many, a spirit of self-denial, of liberality, and a readiness to spend and be spent, that immortal souls may live. I thank thee for the success thou hast given to the missionary enterprise; and I praise thee for the multitudes who have been turned from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. I offer up my feeble prayers, and imperfect praises, through the Son of thy love. Amen.

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Dec. 21.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

THOU King eternal, immortal, invisible, I pray that thy great name may be sanctified in the earth. Make it my hearty wish to see thee loved, served, feared, honoured, and obeyed by all mankind. May every idol be speedily abolished, every false system be cast down, and be thou exalted in the earth, and worshipped as the only living and true God. Prosper, I beseech thee, all the efforts which are made to advance thy spiritual kingdom, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.



**Dec. 22.****A REIGN OF BLESSEDNESS.**

GRACIOUS Father, I pray that the time may speedily arrive, when the righteous shall flourish, and there will be an abundance of peace; when Christ "shall have dominion from sea to sea," when "all kings shall fall down before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust," and when "the whole earth shall be filled with his glory." All honour, glory, might, majesty, and dominion, be unto the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, now henceforth, and for evermore. Amen.

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**Dec. 23.****A REIGN OF BLESSEDNESS.**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, hasten, if it be thy will, the glorious time when Satan shall be bound, when men "shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Hasten the time, when all nations shall call Jesus blessed, when his name shall be magnified in the earth, when "the kingdoms of this world are the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ," and when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Hearken to my petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.

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**Dec. 24.****CHRIST'S BIRTH.**

God of infinite mercy and boundless love, let me never be weary of reflecting upon this stupendous fact and amazing mystery, of the Son of the most high God taking upon him our humanity, and coming

into this lower world to live, labour, suffer and die for us men and for our salvation. I pray that I may constantly think of Christ Jesus leaving the realms of bliss, the seat of glory, the bosom of his Father, and his glory freely putting off, and voluntarily surrendering up his life for us. Grant this, and all my petitions, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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Dec. 25.

CHRIST'S BIRTH.

SAVIOUR of the world, I thank thee for thy marvellous love and condescension to me and all mankind, in having come to this world in our nature to save our souls. Grant that I may daily contemplate this wonder of wonders, that "the Creator of all things appeared a creature, the Almighty a weak babe, the eternal a child of time, and the infinite was contracted into the limits of the finite." O that my heart be filled with adoration, and my lips with praise. Amen.

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Dec. 26.

THANKSGIVING.

O THOU in whom I live, and move and have my being, I would magnify thee and exalt thy holy name. May I find by happy and blessed experience, that "it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." Grant that I may feel the weight of my obligations to thee. Enable me in everything to give thanks, even in time of adversity, for this is thy will concerning me. By Christ I offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of my lips, giving thanks to his name. Amen.

**Dec. 27.****THANKS FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.**

GREAT and glorious Jehovah, I thank thee for all thy spiritual gifts, especially for "the unspeakable gift" of thy only-begotten and well-beloved Son. I thank thee for the gift of the Holy Spirit, if my sins are pardoned, if I am born again of the Holy Ghost, and for the good hope of eternal life hereafter. I thank thee for every prayer I have been permitted to offer up, for every holy, heavenly, loving thought thou hast put into my mind, for anything I have ever been privileged to do for thee and thy glory. Receive my imperfect praises for the great Redeemer's all-sufficient merits. Amen.

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**Dec. 28.****THANKS FOR THE MEANS OF GRACE.**

THOU Giver of every good and perfect gift, I thank thee for the means of grace which thou hast afforded me; for the throne of grace, to which I may every moment resort; that thy ear is ever open to my complaints; for thy holy word, which I can daily study; and for the faithful ministry in our land. O that my life may praise thee better than my lips, for the infinite merits of Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**Dec. 29.****THANKS FOR PROVIDENTIAL MERCIES.**

I THANK thee, heavenly Father, for all thy providential mercies, that I have not been born in a heathen land and of heathen parents, but that I have been born in this Christian land, and of Christian

parents, and have been early dedicated to thee. I thank thee that I live in these days, when the true light shineth, and that my lot has been cast in this highly-favoured land. Thou God of mercy and love, accept the free-will offering of my lips, for Christ Jesus' sake. Amen.

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### Dec. 30.

#### THANKS FOR TEMPORAL BLESSINGS.

I THANK thee, gracious Lord, for all thy temporal mercies; that my life has been spared to this moment; for the air I breathe; the light that shines around me; the food thou hast given to sustain me; the warmth that cheers me; the raiment that covers me; the comfortable habitation in which I dwell; and for the many kind relations and friends thou hast given me. Accept, I beseech thee, my tribute of adoration, for my Saviour's sake. Amen.

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### Dec. 31.

#### PRAISE THE LORD.

HELP me, O my Father, with the Holy Spirit's assistance, cheerfully, willingly, and constantly to sing thy praises; and may I find it pleasant to be thus engaged. Fill my heart full of gratitude, and my mouth full of praise for all thy tender mercies. As my hourly mercies fall, may my hourly thanks arise. Daily may I endeavour to count, re-count, and sum up all thy mercies; and ascribe all thanks and praise to thee, to whom all praise is due. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Hear me Father, hear me Son, and hear me Holy Ghost, in these my feeble prayers, and imperfect praises. Amen.

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